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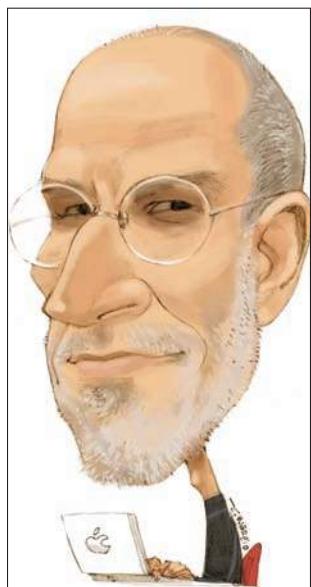
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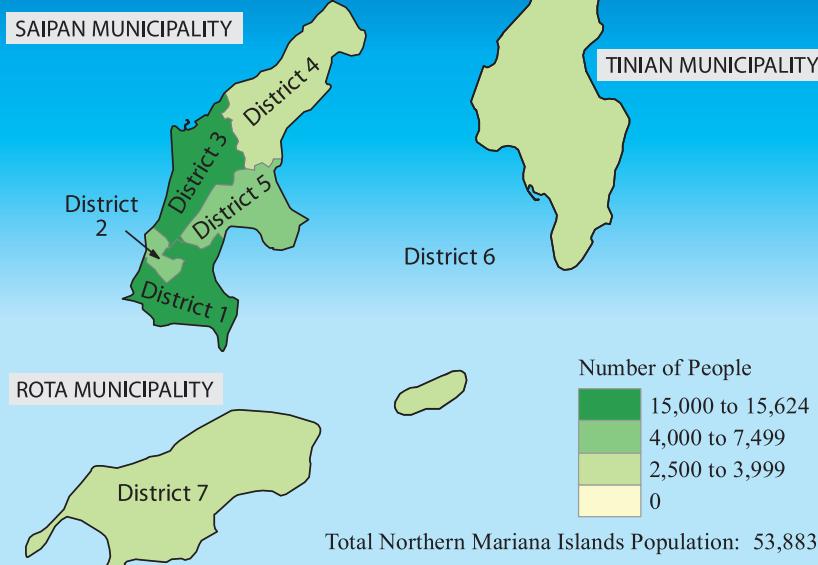
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2010 CENSUS RESULT

CNMI population down 22.2 pct.

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS - 2010 Census Results

Total Population by Election District



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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» From 69,221 in 2000 to 53,883 in 2010

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REPORTER

The CNMI population shrunk by 22.2 percent or by 15,338 in a 10-year period, the U.S. Census Bureau reported yesterday.

From 69,221 in 2000, the Commonwealth's population decreased to 53,883



on April 1, 2010, resulting from a host of factors that include a series of economic setbacks, the demise of the garment industry, and the unremitting drop in tourist arrivals.

Some 89 percent of the CNMI's total population of 53,883 is on Saipan with 48,220, followed by Tinian with 3,136, then Rota with 2,527.

The Census Bureau conducts a census every 10 years, as mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The CNMI has participated in the U.S. Census since 1950.

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Bar Association panel to investigate Buckingham

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The chairman of the CNMI Bar Association's Disciplinary Committee, attorney Timothy Bellas, confirmed yesterday that they have received the Senate's request to investigate attorney general Edward Buckingham over ethics concerns.

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Govt preps for another shutdown

» Citizens call for protest vs House budget bill

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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that the Fitial administration is now preparing for another partial government shutdown that will again result in joblessness for over 1,000 workers for days, because the House of Representatives has yet to pass a budget bill with only a little over a month before the start of fiscal year 2012 on Oct. 1.

At the same time, some citizens are calling on the public to hold a protest in front of the Legislature today from 1pm



to 4pm to oppose the House Ways and Means Committee's latest draft of the 2012 budget bill, which they say cuts education budget, among other things.

Inos, who oversees government finances, said the Fitial administration sent over its proposed fiscal year 2012 budget of \$102 million to the Legislature on April 1. Four months later, the House has yet to pass a budget bill that the Senate also has to review.

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Possible oil discharges at Rota's power plant

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency investigated the Rota power plant this month for contamination of oil and cancer-causing chemical polychlorinated biphenyls or PCBs.

In a report filed yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, EPA legal counsel Bradley R. O'Brien disclosed that the assessment of the Rota Power Plant for oil and PCBs was done from Aug. 1 to 10, 2011.

Samples are currently at the laboratory
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A black plume is emitted from the Rota power plant, as shown in this photo recently taken by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on-scene investigator Michelle Rogow. EPA conducted a contamination investigation at the power plant for oil and cancer-causing chemical polychlorinated biphenyls.
EPA/MICHELLE ROGOW



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Education board approves merger of two Rota schools. PAGE 6

Local

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's formal announcement of his second re-election bid Wednesday night drew a mixed crowd of independents, Republicans, Democrats, and Covenants who

said their support is rooted in the delegate's hard work and effectiveness in advancing education, health care, federalization, and

other CNMI-related issues in the nation's capital despite constant hammering from the Fitial administration.

"I work for all of you," Sablan (Ind-MP) told the crowd from the CNMI and Guam that gathered at the Pacific Island Club's Charley's Cabaret. "I am grateful for your presence here."

At the fundraiser, Sablan assured his supporters that not a penny of their contribution will be used to buy beer at any campaign gathering or public meeting.

He said he's humbled that despite the tough times, people still came to the \$200-per-plate fundraiser to show their support.

Sablan, the CNMI's first non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, was first elected delegate in 2008 for a two-year term and was sworn into office in 2009.

He won by a large margin in his first re-election bid in 2010, and is the first one to announce his candidacy for the November 2012 elections.

Sablan, standing beside Saipan Southern High School's

award-winning Manta Ray Band, also introduced his campaign manager, Northern Marianas College's Galvin Deleon Guerrero, a Republican.

Deleon Guerrero was former governor Juan N. Babauta's running mate when the latter ran for governor in 2009. Babauta also ran for delegate in 2010 but lost the four-way race to Sablan.

In his remarks, Deleon Guerrero said the CNMI needs someone who "really cares about everybody in the Commonwealth," despite criticism from leaders and community members about his stand on issues.

"And I know that's not always politically popular. I know he has taken some heat by taking a stand on some issues but that's what we so desperately need in our political discourse. We need people who care, we need people who focus on issues, and we need people who work very, very hard," he said.

In an interview later, Deleon Guerrero said one of the best traits of an effective non-voting delegate is the ability to reach

across the aisle in Congress to advance the CNMI's interest and he said Sablan has proven this time and again.

Deleon Guerrero, in his remarks before the crowd, said, "Congressman Kilili has accomplished a lot. No doubt about that. And he's accomplished a lot by standing on the shoulders of giants."

He gave credit to those who laid the foundation: former CNMI resident representatives to Washington, D.C. Juan N. Babauta and Pete A. Tenorio.

Deleon Guerrero said the campaign is not about Sablan nor any political party, but "about that poor person who's starving. He doesn't have a job and all he can rely on is perhaps food stamps. Now I don't believe in welfare but I do believe in helping people who need it the most."

He has also prepared himself for the campaign.

"Politics in the CNMI is a blood sport, I know. I've been through it...I've been bruised. My reputation has been tainted. It's hard. It pulls people apart. It

tears families apart, and it empties your pocket book. That's why we need your help here tonight, right?" he said; the last statement, in jest.

Tom Tebuteb, a Republican for 24 years, asked: "Is it so wrong to support a guy that's doing right, with all the turmoil and the shenanigans in the national and local levels? It's time to unite."

Tebuteb is the special assistant for administration during the Babauta administration and also a Cabinet member during the time of former governors Froilan Tenorio and Pedro P. Tenorio.

The crowd included those from the CNMI and Guam business community, former and current government officials including Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and former Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Vicky Benavente, along with other guests from Guam; among them, attorneys David Julian and Joaquin Arriola.

Juan S. Tenorio, who was very much involved in former House speaker Heinz Hofsneider's gubernatorial campaign in 2009 under the Republican Party, said that Sablan is the right man for the job of delegate.

Former independent gubernatorial candidate Juan "Pan" T. Guerrero said "hands down to Kilili," while Republican David M. Sablan said Kilili is "doing a good job in Washington, D.C. and the CNMI—how can you turn this guy down when he needs your help?"

Jean Sablan, chair of Sablan's fundraising committee, said they exceeded their target of selling at least 100 tickets at the fundraiser.

"We are thankful for those who came and supported him," she said.

The Republican, Covenant, and Democratic parties have yet to announce their candidate for the 2012 delegate race. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

Kilili's campaign kickoff draws support from mixed crowd

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20 more classroom teachers needed in public schools

» Registered enrollees at 10,737

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The Public School System still needs 20 more teachers for this new school year in order to accommodate all its enrollees, which already number 10,737 as of this week, according to Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan yesterday.

At Marianas High School, seven teachers are needed—three for math, two for career technical education, and one each for science and language arts.

Three classroom teachers are required at William S. Reyes Elementary School, while Garapan Elementary is scouting for two teachers. Kagman Elementary is trying to recruit one teacher while Hopwood Junior High is looking for two science teachers.

Two special education teachers are also needed at Tinian schools and one teacher each for Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School and Hopwood Junior High. A new post opened up at Saipan Southern High School for its special education program.

Classes in public schools will begin on Sept. 6.

Sablan reported that 10,737 students have so far enrolled with PSS as of Aug. 24, broken down into 5,288 students for elementary; 4,987 for secondary; 462 for Head Start; and 56 for early intervention.

Sablan earlier projected between 3 and 5 percent increase in enrollment this school year. Registration is still ongoing in many schools.

Except for a few staffing needs in some schools, Sablan said that PSS is pretty much ready to open classes in September. School schedules and course offerings are all completed for the new school year; inspections are ongoing in all school campuses.

Sablan also assured the Board of Education that the Food and Nutrition Services vendor and program are in place, ready to provide breakfast and lunch meals to both public and private schools.

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tritators, counselors, and classroom teachers.

This is pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act mandate that all school districts will fill classrooms only with highly qualified personnel beginning July 31, 2011.

According to PSS finance director Richard Waldo, there are an estimated 570 classroom teachers currently employed by PSS, including federally funded employees.

"We retain those who passed their Praxis and other requirements and we let go of those

who failed," he told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that due to number of newly passed HQTs, salaries were adjusted based on the HQT compensation plan.

Early this year, over 100 employees, majority of them teachers, were issued 90-day notice as a result of non-compliance with HQT requirements. Wal-

do revealed that a significant number passed the standards and kept their jobs while others are still waiting for the result of their Praxis tests.

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Saipan lawmakers heed admin request to hold off casino vote

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The Fitial administration asked Saipan lawmakers yesterday to hold off for at least until today a vote on a Saipan casino gambling legalization bill, mainly to recommend tweaking the measure some more to give more flexibility to a casino commission in deciding on the number of licenses to be issued and amount of required investments.

Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation acting chair Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) allowed the session to go on yesterday afternoon, but only to hear public comments on the casino bill.

Palacios then called for a delegation session recess until 10am today, forcing House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) to reset today's 9:30am House session to 2pm.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos met with House leadership members early yesterday

afternoon in the speaker's conference room to discuss the Fitial administration's concerns about the bill.

Inos, in an interview, said the administration is suggesting that the bill give a proposed casino commission the "authority and the flexibility" to make the decision of determining the number of casino licenses to be issued and the amount of investments allowed "rather than prescribe that by law."

The delegation's Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommended passage of its version of House Local Bill 17-44 which allows up to four casino licenses to be issued — one reserved for a Northern Marianas descent corporation and the rest to all other investors.

Inos sat in the House gallery during the delegation session.

After the session, members of the



Palacios

House leadership met with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Inos to again talk about the casino bill.

Palacios, who also chairs the delegation's JGO Committee, said he does not anticipate a substitute casino bill, but there will be amendments proposed mainly to accommodate suggestions from the Fitial administration.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), author of the casino bill, said the casino bill will be voted on today. He reiterated that the bill has enough votes to pass the delegation.

Once the bill passes, it goes directly to the governor for action.

The Senate has been opposed to a local casino bill, and warned of bringing the matter to court if and when the bill passes.

Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), one of the strongest supporters of a ca-

sino bill, was prepared yesterday with his floor amendments.

His proposed amendments include granting exclusive casino license fee of \$100 million, and imposing a \$10 million application fee for each non-exclusive license.

But some members said these amendments may still be changed.

During yesterday's delegation session, five members of the general public testified in support of Torres' casino bill, citing the need to spur economic activity at a time when government employees receive a 16-hour cut biweekly and many others now jobless.

Among those who testified were former representative Juan S. Reyes,

Saipan Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho who spoke as a private citizen, former speaker Pedro R. Leon Guerrero, Liana Hofschneider, and Richard Hofschneider.

Reyes said he does not see any proposal other than legalizing casinos to save the economy, and to save the Retirement Fund, among other things.

"The Retirement Fund will be gone in three years, said a consultant... If you don't act now, it will be too late... We elected you to make the tough decision," he said.

Leon Guerrero, for his part, challenged everyone opposed to the casino bill to offer an alternative solution to the economic problems.

waters of Rota.

He said CUC may be held liable for cost and penalties.

In the same investigation of the Rota power plant, O'Brien said that EPA found transformers that were being stored with no secondary containment and that certain secondary containment areas had holes drilled in the bottoms (with no pipe or valve) so that liquid flowed out of them, rendering the containment ineffective.

He said the valves on other secondary containment areas were left open (some locked open) so that collected liquids drained from the areas and making the containment ineffective.

The federal court will hold a status conference on Monday, Aug. 29, to discuss the extent to which CUC has made progress in complying with the requirements of the stipulated orders.

O'Brien listed the Rota power plant contamination investigation as among the six major topics at the conference.

because the administration will impose a stricter policy in determining the so-called critical government employee positions who will be exempted from the shutdown.

An intense budget deadlock between the House and Senate last year resulted in a historic partial government shutdown in October 2010.

The agenda for today's House session does not include any 2012 budget bill.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) said last night that House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) may introduce a budget bill today.

The House, however, cannot immediately act on the budget bill because it's not pre-filed and not offered for review for at least 24 hours by House members and the public.

The latest draft of the budget bill still includes a 16-hour work cut every two weeks, at least for the first quarter of 2012, along with unpaid holidays.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) reiterated that the Senate leadership hopes to receive a budget bill from the House as soon as possible, with only about a month to go before the start of fiscal year 2012.

Even if the House passes a budget bill next week, the Senate will only have a month to review it. If the Senate rejects the House budget bill, they still have to call a conference committee that will deliberate on a budget acceptable to both houses.

Manglona said the Senate does not want to see another partial government shutdown, adding that both houses need to work together.

BUCKINGHAM

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Bellas said the committee is required to investigate all requests for complaints, unless it's determined that the request should not be entertained at all.

Once a complaint or request for investigation is received, the Disciplinary Committee begins the process of investigation.

Bellas said the process is confidential.

The Senate has repeatedly announced through the adoption of a formal resolution and through the media that it will be formally requesting the Bar Association's Ethics Committee to investigate Buckingham in connection with his approval of a sole-source, ARRA management contract worth close to \$400,000.

As part of the committee rules, it will notify all the parties concerned of the investigation, along with the chief jus-

tice and the presiding judge.

Bellas said he will recuse himself from the investigation process because of possible conflict of interest.

The committee will be meeting on Saturday. Bellas said if majority of the five-member Disciplinary Committee declares conflict of interest, they will notify and request the presiding judge to appoint an ad-hoc committee to conduct an investigation.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), chairman of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigation, wrote an Aug. 22 letter to Bellas requesting an investigation on Buckingham.

Cruz's letter followed the Senate's transmittal of a copy of Senate Resolution 17-62, requesting the Bar Association's Disciplinary Committee to investigate Buckingham "for ethical violations regarding his approval of the CNMI ARRA management sole-source contract."

lease until next year," Fitial said in a statement.

Next year's report will include the basic demographic, social, economic and housing characteristics for the CNMI.

Census data are used to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state, and tribal governments each year, and to help government and community leaders make decisions about what services to provide.

Douglas Brennan, president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday they have yet to review the newly released Census data.

Saipan, Tinian, Rota

Saipan's population dipped by 2.2 percent or by 14,172—from 62,392 in 2000 to 48,220 in 2010.

Tinian's population also went down by 11.4 percent or 404—from 3,540 in 2000 to 3,136 last year.

Rota saw the biggest drop in terms of percentage. Its population went from 3,283 in 2000 to 2,527 in 2010, representing a 23-percent decline or an equivalent of 756 individuals.

Of Saipan's five election districts or precincts, Precinct 3 is the most populated with 15,624. This precinct covers San Antonio, Koblerville, As Lito, Chalan Piao, Dandan, parts of San Vicente, among other villages.

Precinct 1 is not far behind, with a

population of 15,160. Its villages include Garapan, San Jose, Puerto Rico and portions of Capital Hill.

Precinct 5 came in third with a population of 7,207, covering Kagman and portions of San Vicente, among other villages.

Precinct 2 ranked fourth with 6,382 individuals in Chalan Kanoa and Susupe.

Precinct 4 has the smallest population with only 3,847, covering Tanapag, San Roque, As Teo and Marpi, among other areas.

Guam, Virgin Islands

The 2010 Census sought to establish an updated count of everyone living in the United States and its territories, including the CNMI, Guam, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

While the CNMI reported a 22.2-percent drop in population, its neighbor Guam posted a population increase.

Guam's population grew by 2.9 percent in a 10-year period, or from 154,805 in 2000 to 159,358 in 2010.

The U.S. Virgin Islands saw a 2-percent decrease in population, or from 108,612 in 2010 to 106,405 in 2010.

The United States population rose by 9.7 percent—from 281,421,906 in the 2000 Census to 308,745,538 as of April 1, 2010.

POWER PLANT

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awaiting analysis, O'Brien said, but a sheen was found along the shoreline adjacent to the facility.

O'Brien said oil—likely diesel—was present in almost all of the soil borings and groundwater wells installed at the facility.

He said EPA is now discussing with CUC options for addressing potential ongoing oil discharges and preventing continued movement of contaminants into U.S. waters.

"EPA has notified CUC that it should be preparing to conduct this work and needs to identify a funding source, since these next steps have not been funded," he said.

O'Brien warned that if CUC cannot perform immediate cleanup activities to address the oil contamination, EPA may need to take action to protect the

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"At this point, it [budget] is still the property of the Legislature. We sent the budget over since April 1. And we're ready to look at the budget that's enacted by the Legislature. We're not at that point yet," said Inos in an interview after a closed-door meeting with members of the House leadership on a separate issue—the Saipan casino bill.

Inos, a former Finance secretary, said the government is not expected to run out of money between now and the end of fiscal year 2011 on Sept. 30.

"We're still tracking [in our projections], except for some shortfall in hospital collection but we're working hard on that. For this fiscal year, we're set to go until Sept. 30. It's Oct. 1, the new fiscal year, when if no budget is enacted...then the shutdown provision of the Constitution kicks in," he said.

He again pointed out the need to pass a budget soon.

"It's really a timing issue. But I tell you one thing for sure. We're gearing up for a shutdown. Because we haven't seen a [budget] bill. The budget hasn't passed the House. So we're doing preparations for possible shutdown," Inos said.

The Constitution requires a government shutdown in the event that a new budget is not passed before the beginning of the fiscal year. The shutdown will remain until a budget is passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor.

Inos said once there's another partial shutdown, there will be more government employees who will be affected

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) said a decrease in population could mean a decline in federal formula grant, which is based on population.

"A 22-percent drop is a big drop," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The CNMI receives a little over \$160 million in federal grants annually, a "good portion of which," said Sablan, is formula grant.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), in an interview, said the 2010 Census data justifies his initiative to reduce the number of lawmakers—at least the Saipan lawmakers in the House of Representatives. His proposal is to reduce the Saipan members of the House from 18 to nine.

As of yesterday, he said he may amend his proposal to reduce the number to only 12 or 14.

U.S. Census Bureau director Robert Groves provided the CNMI population counts to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, the administration said yesterday.

"I am very much pleased to receive the CNMI's Census population figures from the U.S. Census Bureau director. As I understand it, the more detailed results including the islands' demographic profile won't be ready for re-

Ex-DPW official asks to be sentenced to home confinement

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A former Department of Public Works building code inspector who pleaded guilty to extorting money from a local business owner has asked the federal court to give him a 10-month home confinement sentence.

Thomas S. Salas, through counsel David G. Banes, said the court should sentence him to 10 months of home confinement, given that he is an excellent candidate for rehabilitation.

Citing that Salas led a crime-free life for almost nine years since his prior conviction on a misdemeanor, Banes said the

court should consider this an important factor in deciding Salas' sentence.

If the court wishes to follow the sentencing guidelines, which are not mandatory, Banes said that Salas asks the court to impose a sentence of a five-month prison term and five-month home confinement.

Banes said that Salas has admitted to this crime and accepted responsibility for his actions. He said the court should consider that Salas is a devoted father of his children and fully cooperated with the U.S. government as to how the crime was committed and also to his knowledge about many other crimes.

He noted that Salas not only cooperated but never violated any conditions of his release during almost one year of pre-trial supervision.

"The court should also consider Tom's lack of drug or alcohol abuse, that he wants to pursue his education and is in a stable relationship," Banes said.

In the U.S. government's sentencing memorandum filed yesterday in court, assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley recommended that Salas be made to serve at least half of whatever sentence is imposed by incarceration as opposed to home confinement.

"Nonetheless, per the plea

agreement, the government recommends a sentence of incarceration and fine at the lowest end of whatever [sentencing guidelines] range is determined by the court," O'Malley said.

The government, O'Malley said, will provide additional recommendations regarding community service and supervised release at the sentencing hearing.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona will hold Salas' sentencing on Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 10am.

O'Malley acknowledged that Salas accepted responsibility early, and has complied with the terms of his release. He noted that the

defendant provided information regarding other prospective matters.

Although there are several factors that weigh in favor of leniency, from the government's view, the most important sentencing factor to be considered in this case is "to afford adequate deterrence to criminal conduct," O'Malley said.

"Graft at any level of government inevitably degrades trust in the system itself. If members of the public do not trust the system, they will be less likely to abide its structures, thus perpetuating a destructive cycle," he added.

O'Malley said the com-

munity in which Salas committed his crime now suffers from such a cycle. "Only strict accountability can interrupt this cycle."

The FBI arrested Salas on Sept. 7, 2010, after he extorted a total of \$200 cash from a businessman.

According to the indictment, Salas used his position with the DPW to demand bribes from the owner of a printing press in exchange for not imposing building code violation fines.

In May 2011, Salas pleaded guilty to the crime of extortion under color of official right, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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Education board approves merger of two Rota schools

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REPORTER

After several hours of listening to differing views and despite the lack of a long-term comprehensive plan, the CNMI Board of Education approved yesterday the merger of the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School and Rota High School.

The board adopted the decision to merge both schools by a vote of 3-2, with board vice chair Denise Tanya King and board member Galvin Deleon Guerrero voting against it.

The merger—seen to generate savings for the Public School System by maximizing limited resources such as teachers and technologies—will take effect starting this school year.

The Rota High School campus will be shut down, except for the gymnasium, baseball field, and the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps. All 7th to 12th graders will be moved to the junior high school campus, which will retain the name Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior and High School.

The merger also approved the transfer of sixth graders from junior high to the Sinapalo Elementary School.

According to Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, the merger will bring substantial savings to PSS because it will eliminate 13 classroom teacher positions and one principal position.

She said the enrollment decline on the island was also a factor. Many classes in Rota schools have a small number of students,

resulting in a student-to-teacher ratio of just 15:1. By merging the two schools, PSS can increase the ratio to the maximum 23:1 for the secondary level.

The merger will not result in layoffs, but will balance the budget, according to PSS, which expects to receive only \$28 million this new fiscal year, based on Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's budget submission.

The decision came even as King and Rota Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) asked the board to defer its decision and wait until after PSS conducts a long-term comprehensive plan for the merger.

King said it was only three weeks ago when she was told about the plan, with the assurance that it will not take effect

until after three years. She said such a major plan requires long-term planning, a feasibility study, thorough consultation with all stakeholders, and that the decision must be data-driven.

"There are too many unanswered questions," said King. "A merger is not best at this time."

For example, King said, the Rota delegation and a significant number of community members on Rota were never involved in the discussion. King also criticized the lack of clear cost and impact analysis of the plan.

Deleon Guerrero said there are important projected numbers that are missing in the presentation, including the specific amount that PSS will save in implementing the plan.

Federal programs officer Tim

Thornburgh estimated that savings from the merger will reach about \$540,000, including savings on utility consumption as a result of shutting down school buildings. From 35 classroom teachers, the merger will bring down the teacher count to 22.

Saipan Tribune learned that the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior and High School will absorb Sharlene Manglona as its principal, while Annette Calvo will act as the school's vice principal. The two are the current principals of the two schools.

Along with Sinapalo Elementary School principal Vanessa Hocog, Manglona, and Calvo are convinced that the merger will not negatively impact the students. In fact, they said it will help eighth graders transition to high school, which is always a problem in many secondary schools.

According to student representative Mary Hocog, the merger will help rather than harm junior high school students because it will enable them to adapt easily to high school life.

PTSAs supportive

A handful of individuals also ex-

pressed support for the merger during yesterday's public comment section of the meeting. Among them were the officers of the parents and teachers associations in both Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High and Rota High School. They included Dexter Apatang, Therese Hizon, Marla Barcina, and Sharlene Manglona.

According to Commissioner Sablan, PSS hosted two meetings to inform the Rota community about the plan. These were held on Aug. 11 and 12 where representatives of various offices on Rota were represented.

PSS said the plan was also supported by Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola and the Municipal Council as well as parents' groups on the islands.

Tinian Junior and Senior High School principal Julian Hofschneider also expressed support, sharing his school's success in combining students from 7th to 12th grades.

At present, Rota High School has 182 ninth to 12th graders, while the junior high school has 96 seventh to eighth graders, after transferring the sixth graders to Sinapalo Elementary School.

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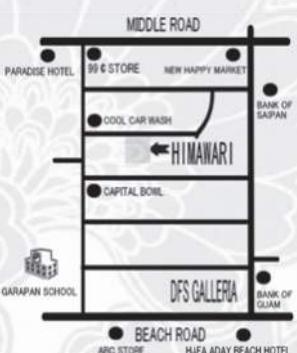
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'Higher Fund contribution means deeper cuts for govt'

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The higher contribution of \$10 million every year to the NMI Retirement Fund pension program would mean deeper cuts for the cash-strapped government, according to press secretary Angel A. Demapan.

The government owes the Fund over \$280 million in unpaid employer contributions for many years. The amount is on top of delinquent contribution incurred in the last several months, according to Fund records.

Wilshire Associates, the Fund's investment consultant, revealed this week that the Fund is expected to collapse in three years due to the nonpayment of these obligations to the Fund and the lack of strong support by the government as the pension plan's sponsor.

The only way to prolong its lifespan, according to the consultant, is to increase the cash flow of the agency to prevent regular drawdowns that deplete its value. Additionally, across-the-board cuts in members' benefits and restructuring of other liabilities are key to its survival.

During Wednesday's hearing at the Legislature, Fund administrator Richard Villagomez said some lawmakers tossed around the idea of increasing government contribution next fiscal year from \$10 million to \$25 million in order to save the pension plan.

But Demapan said this idea may result in more suffering in the government's operations.

"Should the Legislature push forward with their proposal to increase the line item appropriation to \$25 million, such action would drastically change the dynamics of the fiscal year 2012 budget and would ultimately force deeper cuts on all other accounts to suffice what would be a \$15 million increase in line-item appropriation to the Fund," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said that, with the \$10 million line-item appropriation in the governor's submission of the 2012 budget, "the Fund would stand to receive payments greater than if it were to be calculated by way of percentage of payroll, given the decrease in payroll dollars in the midst of the ongoing austerity."

Demapan said this is why the administration encouraged the Legislature to pass H.B. 17-99, which seeks to change the payment method for employer contribution. This bill has been in the Senate since February.

"The proposed action is consistent with negotiations in the ongoing lawsuit by the NMIRF to collect employer contribution funds owed them. We strongly urge the Legislature to quickly act on H.B.17-99 to support this change in employer contribution payment method," added Demapan.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 26, 1999

DPH needs \$3M for medical referral

With a month to go before the current fiscal year ends, the Department of Public Health will need additional \$3 million to provide assistance to residents under its medical referral program. DPH Sec. Joseph Kevin Villagomez attributed the shortfall to drastic 50 percent cut in the amount appropriated by the government in FY 1999 as well as to the costly medical expenses incurred by patients who have been referred to off-island hospitals. "Actually we will be in a hole more but the Legislature gave me the flexibility to use some of those accounts," he told reporters. "So it's been good, but right now we just have a lot of very sick people and we can't (help them) no matter what system you put in place."

Four agencies identified as Y2K critical

A Y2K project team composed of local and federal computer experts has identified four government offices as the most critical agencies which must receive the federal government's million grant for computer system upgrading program. Identified as Y2K critical agencies are the Commonwealth Health Center, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., the Department of Finance, and the Public School System. The CNMI is receiving a total of \$1.38 million from the Y2K grant, which will come from the Office of Management and Budget. The Department of Interior said that upon instruction from OMB, it will have to monitor and scrutinize the disbursement of Y2K funds, which are given only to US. insular territories.

Aug. 26, 2002

OIA asked for tech support

Gov. Juan N. Babauta has asked the Office of Insular Affairs for technical assistance to enable not just the CNMI but all insular territories to more effectively tap available federal grants. In a letter to OIA Deputy Assistant Secretary David B. Cohen, Babauta asked the OIA to provide the insular governments with the technical assistance that will lead to more effective ways in which the insular areas can readily have knowledge of the vast amounts of grants available in the federal government. This includes the process of accessing these grants and the most effective way of tapping into these monies. This comes even as Babauta expressed support to the OIA's continued assistance to the CNMI and other U.S. insular territories in support of FED-FACTS and the Federal Grants Review publications.

JAL's Enomoto bids sayonara

After a four-year assignment on Saipan, Japan Airlines' District Manager Yukiharu Enomoto will be leaving the CNMI tomorrow and going back to Japan to rejoin his family. Shinichi Yoshida will take over Enomoto's duties. He has already arrived from Japan and will officially takeover tomorrow. To recognize the valuable contributions that Enomoto made to the CNMI, the Commonwealth Ports Authority and the Airport Operators Committee hosted a farewell luncheon for Enomoto last Thursday, August 22, at the Pacific Islands Club. Enomoto will leave Saipan for Japan tomorrow, where he is being reassigned to the JAL operations at Haneda Airport.

Aug. 26, 2003

Counsel: Atalig to appeal conviction today

Sen. Ricardo Atalig intends to appeal his federal conviction on wire fraud charges before the U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit today, his lawyer disclosed yesterday. But Stephen Woodruff, Atalig's counsel, said the senator would surrender to the U.S. Marshal's Office by Thursday pursuant to an order by U.S. District Court Chief Judge Alex R. Munson, unless the court order is modified. Woodruff also divulged that he would file appropriate legal pleadings to have the August 28 surrender deadline changed, but he refused to describe what specific request he would ask the court for.

Commerce dept official robbed

A CNMI Department of Commerce employee filed a formal complaint against four juveniles who allegedly snatched his handbag while he was closing the office on Capitol Hill Friday night. The victim, whose identity was withheld by the Department of Public Safety, told investigators that he was closing his office at the Commerce Department building on Capitol Hill around 10pm Friday after working late to finish some paper works when four unidentified young males grabbed his bag from behind.

Fiesta Resort is top choice of Japan tour group's clients

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Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan was recently presented with a special award by a widely popular Japanese travel company for being the top hotel of choice among its customers.

Rakuten Travel Inc., which operates Japan's largest online hotel reservation website, bestowed the 2010 Diamond Award for Saipan on Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in June.

Junichi Kitagawa, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan Sales & Marketing director, said the award covers the period from April 2010 to March 2011. Saipan World Resort came in second place.

The Diamond Award, Kitagawa said, indicates that Fiesta Resort & Spa is the No. 1 hotel for Rakuten Travel Inc.'s customers.

"It's our first time to receive the Diamond Award," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "We're very happy and very proud about it."

According to Kitagawa, Fiesta Resort & Spa was able to accommodate some 1,500 visitors and guests who booked through Rakuten Travel Inc.

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CLARISSA DAVID
Junichi Kitagawa, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan Sales & Marketing director, shows off the 2010 Diamond Award for Saipan that was awarded the resort hotel by Rakuten Travel Inc.

1.8 million room nights booked per month. It is a subsidiary of Rakuten, Inc., one of the world's largest and most comprehensive Internet service companies,

providing leading services in e-commerce, portal & media, travel, financial services, and professional sports.

Kitagawa said that most Japa-

nese vacationers prefer to decide on their hotels and check in through the Internet because it's a lot more convenient.

He said these travelers who stayed at Fiesta Resort & Spa possibly posted their experience at Fiesta on the Rakuten website as well as brochures and guide books about Saipan.

Kitagawa said positive comments about Fiesta Resort & Spa have prompted more travelers visiting the island to stay in the hotel, making it popular among Rakuten customers.

"I believe Fiesta Resort & Spa is a very good choice for tourists because of its location. We're located in downtown Garapan, which is in the center of activity on Saipan," he said.

Kitagawa added that rooms in the higher floors of the hotel are also the most popular among guests as these provide a nice view overlooking one of Saipan's wonderful beaches.

The director also takes pride in the "Hafa Adai spirit" of Fiesta Resort's hotel staff. "We always strive to provide our customers with the Fiesta hospitality," he said.

Kitagawa said Fiesta Resort & Spa currently has a 78-percent room occupancy rate, com-

posed mainly of Japanese and Korean tourists.

"These tourist markets are growing, that's why we have Japanese and Korean speaking staff so we can cater to their needs," he said, adding that they also have employees that speak Chinese.

Kitagawa vowed that Fiesta Resort & Spa will continue to provide its customers with quality accommodation to make their stay on island a memorable one.

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Spring shows no sign of withering

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The Arab Spring in the Middle East and North Africa continues to flower despite setbacks and dictators willing to massacre their own people.

In the latest sign this season will not pass quickly or meekly, Libyan rebels have taken control of parts of the capital city of Tripoli, and seem prepared to end 42 years of despotic rule by Col. Moammar Gadhafi.

The leader of the Libyan opposition National Transition Council, formed in February as the "face of the revolution," declared Monday that "the Gadhafi era is over." Most heartening is that young people are demanding a voice in Libya and elsewhere. As Internet connections came back up Monday after a six-month blackout, the Libya Youth Movement was posting Twitter updates.

This is a case in which the United States, working through the international community and the NATO military alliance, was able to make a difference, taking measures short of ground troops and invasion to prevent massacres, providing the time and space for the Libyan people to take matters into their own hands.

President Barack Obama's patience, with an arms embargo, freezing of Libyan government assets, economic sanctions and NATO surveillance, air and drone strikes to destroy Gadhafi's military capacity, has paid off.

Libyans, the United States and the larger international community have been attentive to the lessons of Iraq, particularly avoiding a power vacuum in the aftermath of the collapse of a dictatorial regime.

The Libyan Transitional National Council has done extensive post-conflict planning since February, from how to maintain law and order to resuming oil production to what to do about former Gadhafi officials. The council hopes to move to parliamentary elections in the next six to eight months. It has secured loans from Turkey, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait to pay for essentials, food, medicine, fuel.

An International Contact Group on Libya – with officials from the United States, Great Britain, Italy, Turkey and other nations – has met four times since April, working with opposition leaders to draw detailed plans in preparation for Gadhafi's fall. The United States can use the release of the Gadhafi regime's frozen assets to leverage positive action.

This has been a risky involvement for the United States. And uncertainty lies ahead in crafting new institutions to match the aspirations of the Libyan people. But as Obama said Monday, "Although the efforts in Libya are not yet over, NATO has once more proven that it is the most capable alliance in the world and that its strength comes from both its firepower and the power of our democratic ideals."

While Western nations can't and shouldn't dictate the leadership of Arab countries, they can lend support to citizens in that region trying to topple despots. That's the new doctrine of the U.S. and European response to the Arab Spring, a refreshing change from policies of the past. That's something to celebrate, along with the aspirations of Libyans who yearn for a more open and egalitarian government.



The hot-seat

As a kid, I marveled at white people who'd go to the beach, strip down to practically nothing and purposely sit directly under the burning sun to talk and "relax." For most islanders, unless you were fishing, a relaxing day at the beach usually meant finding a spot in the cool shade of a tree or at least taking cover in a comfortable pair of dungarees and a long-sleeve shirt. One might say that white people (i.e., "Statessiders") like it hot, but islanders generally prefer to stay cool or at least not get burned—yet another oxymoron for half-breeds who on the one hand have an inherent knack for kicking back in the shade without making a sound and on the other, a neurotic fixation on the sun and a runaway mouth that can't hold its tongue. Given a choice, I'd rather be fishing.

On heat of a different kind, the proverbial hot-seat comes in varying degrees of temperature depending on several factors, all of which culminate into a level of energy generated in and around it. Most of us would prefer to avoid it, but for all intents and purposes, energy is good—we need it, we're forever trying to harness it and ultimately we can't live without it. The key is to facilitate safe, productive levels of it in and around your general vicinity. Still, when bringing heat or fire for that matter, we need to be mindful of people getting burned. Think of the hot-seat like an old, brick fireplace in the dead of winter (not exactly an islander's analogy, I know). Without it, people freeze to death, but if it's poorly built people get burned. Ultimately it matters, the substance of the mortar, bricks and other materials holding the framework of the chimney together. It also matters the kind of fodder being used to feed the fire. The point though is that heat is good and oftentimes necessary, so people should tend the fire.

NMPASI's advocates are no strangers to the hot-seat; in fact, the job requires that each of us sit in it from time to time. And, though people are far less contentious over the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities than they used to be, the job still requires that we turn up the heat from time to time—even on ourselves. That's not to say that anything is wrong, but rather that it keeps us from doing things wrong. With forest fires nearby, we have to be ready to mitigate effects of the changing winds. So, we might bring the heat sometimes, but we can take it too.

For people with disabilities, it took some "advocates from hell" to light societal norms on fire in order for them and their issues to be brought to the forefront of America's consciousness. Like all other civil rights movements, it took some collective thinking and an activist spirit to bring about the change that was so desperately

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needed (i.e., schools, businesses and the community at large finally opened their doors). No doubt there has been change for the better, but some things remain the same and "those who don't know history are doomed to"—history, history, history, history, history, history, history, history—"repeat it."

Our islands too have changed radically in recent years and we can no longer afford to simply kick back in the shade while things burn down around us. As a community, we've been rocked by corruption (at least the appearance of it) and a criminal element that preys on the helpless for far too long. Most recently, we've endured the possible killing of an old man, numerous abuses and/or rapes of children, so-called men beating on women, and, bless their souls, the kidnapping of two little girls. So the question is, what do we do about it?

Unfortunately, I don't have the answer, but for sure we can't rely on doing the same things over and over again hoping for a different outcome. Too many of us are content to sit idly by with our handy caps in tow—"in a state of quiet desperation," if you will. But there are others: unassuming activists in the grass roots, the political fireballs in the mainstream and/or various heads of families who keep the wood piles high even in the summer months.

We can choose to lead, follow, or get out of the way, but maybe, just maybe, we will all "become the change that we seek in world" (Mahatma Gandhi) and keep the fires burning.

For more on the history of the disability-rights movement, please feel free to contact the NMPASI office at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] / 235-7275 [fax] / 235-7278 [tty] or contact us on-line at www.nmpasi.org.

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Book review: Basic Patterns of Chinese Grammar

If you'd like to blot out the concept of fun summertime reading, then join the *Saipan Tribune* readers who are studying Chinese these days. Light reading, it ain't: textbooks, books on writing the characters, books on reading the characters, books that ignore the characters and focus on speaking, books that don't ignore the characters and focus on speaking, books on vocabulary, and finally the most tormenting of all categories, books on grammar.

Grammar. Ugh. Well, I've finally found a ray of sunshine. It's a skinny little book titled *Basic Patterns of Chinese Grammar*, and it hit the scene this year.

It's just 127 pages including the index. But this is no superficial treatment of the grammar. The scope of the book goes beyond the three college semesters I've taken. So how can such a little book carry so much weight?

Well, I'll first consider what the conventional approach looks like, surveying it with my gimlet eye of cynicism, and then I'll note why *Basic Patterns of Chinese Grammar* is so useful.

When Gadhafi commanded respect

By WILLIAM J. COUGHLIN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Watching from afar as Moammar Gadhafi's control crumbles in Libya, I was reminded of the events of March 1974. It's hard to remember today, but there was a time when the Libyan leader commanded great respect in the Middle East, and that spring he was at the height of his power.

The mercurial dictator, whose country was sitting on a lake of oil the size of Alaska, had been the first to declare an oil embargo against the United States after President Nixon asked Congress for \$2.2 billion to resupply Israel's armed forces during the Yom Kippur War of 1973. The other Arab nations in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries eventually joined the Gadhafi embargo, and Henry Kissinger was working hard behind the scenes to try to end it.

At the time, I was a *Los Angeles Times* correspondent based in the Middle East, and I was dispatched to Cairo to cover the next OPEC meeting, which was expected to be a gauge of whether Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy was working.

Gadhafi refused to attend the meeting, insisting that any meeting to consider lifting the embargo should be held in Tripoli.

After two days of haggling behind closed doors, OPEC members announced that the meeting was moving to Tripoli the next day, a development that left hundreds of news correspondents, diplomats and oil industry observers scrambling to book flights and accommodations.

I managed to snag a first-class aisle seat on Lufthansa, and I was enormously pleased when the oil minister from one of the smaller Gulf states, clad in robes and headdress, took the window seat next to me. After we were airborne, I introduced myself: "I'm William Coughlin of the *Los Angeles Times*."

"Los Angeles?" he said. "I went to UCLA."

I put out my hand. "Stanford," I said, and then asked the obvious question: "Can you tell me why we all are so abruptly airborne on the way to Libya?"

"We've reached a decision, nine to one, and to please Gadhafi we are going to announce it in Tripoli."

"And what was the decision?"

"We're going to lift the embargo."

"Who was against it?"

"Gadhafi, of course."

Not wanting to push my luck, I launched into a discussion of Pacific Coast football, interrupting the conversation only once, to go ask the stewardess where the plane was going next. "Tunis," she replied, telling me there was space on the flight and I could remain on board. I was relieved, knowing I'd never be able to call in my OPEC scoop from Tripoli.

In Tunis, I sent my story without any problem, and it ran on the next day's front page. Meanwhile, I headed back to Tripoli to cover the official announcement. When I arrived, I learned that Gadhafi had decided he didn't want the news announced in his country. It was to be delayed until the weekend and announced in Vienna, where the Arab oil ministers were scheduled to meet with their non-Arab OPEC partners.

Wherever Gadhafi is now, I doubt he's being treated with that kind of deference.

William J. Coughlin, a Pulitzer Prize winner, was Middle East bureau chief of the Los Angeles Times for five years.

In any language I've seen, including English, most grammar books are as overbearing as possible. It's all rules and linguistic jargon. I guess they're striking for stature as "authoritative." Teaching you how to actually say something isn't the goal. After all, grammar is rules, not tactics. So the conventional product, belched out by institutions and publishers in industrial quantities, is tomes of authoritative discourse; big, gray, weighty. The material is perfectly correct, I suppose. But it's often totally useless.

Ever panned for gold in a muddy river? That's how grammar strikes me. I slosh through endless buckets of mud, hoping to find a speck of something shiny that actually has some real-world value.

During my last foray into Chinese grammar I actually kept track of my time. I was neck deep in the big muddy for 210 hours. Looking back on it I figure I retained maybe 10 hours worth of usable material. My peers have reported generally similar results. So our mud-to-nuggets ratio was mighty bad.

Well, that's the problem. Fortunately, *Basic Patterns of Chinese Grammar* looks like a solution. Authors Qin Xue Herzberg and Larry Herzberg, both professors of Chinese, don't get bogged down in the big muddy. Instead of forcing the reader to pan for gold, the writers did it for us. They sifted through all the mush, pulled out the best nuggets, polished them with well-chosen examples, and dropped them (plink!) into an easy-to-read format.

But easy-to-read doesn't mean fluffy. I noticed that the authors don't avoid the troublesome topics, but, instead, they focused on them. For students of Chinese, I'll note that the hydra-headed "le" particle is plainly sorted out here (Chapter 6). The triple-whammy "de" particle gets succinctly covered in Chapter 7. And the un-lovable realm of resultative verb endings gets neatly nailed down with several pages of examples (Chapter 10).

The last of the 13 chapters is a two-page summary of salutations

By ED STEPHENS

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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and such used for letter-writing. That's a nice touch. But it's just a touch, and the reverse side of the second page is vacant. If I was to make a suggestion for a future edition I'd suggest filling that blank slate with more tips for business letters.

Which leads me to some market context, since students, not business types, are the primary market for the book. It is clearly destined for success with students because it is, well, so successful at being clear.

But I think anyone studying the language, even informally, or on their own, or whatever, will also find this book useful. However, a lot of people will probably have to slog through a few hundred of hours of frustrating effort before they can truly appreciate the merits of succinct summarization.

And along those lines, what I want is a book on grammar that summarizes everything I need, and nothing I don't need. That's probably an impossible goal, but *Basic Patterns of Chinese Grammar* comes close enough for me. So I've put away my weighty texts, and maybe, just maybe, I'll be able to enjoy some of my summer now.

(*Basic Patterns of Chinese Grammar*, 127 pages, published by Stone Bridge Press, authored by Qin Xue Herzberg and Larry Herzberg, \$12.95.)

Let's get talking to save the nation

Dear reader,

This column will be contentious because it discusses the grave economic danger our country faces. It may challenge or contradict your present thinking.

If we were sitting down face to face, I would lean forward and say to you: Our country is in danger of going off the rails economically. We can all feel the downward slide accelerating. But we are divided, and to act together we've first got to learn to talk with each other again. And the first step toward talking together is to listen to each other carefully.

I ask you to listen. And I will in turn listen. Write me at peter.goldmark@newsday.com, and I'll answer you. Tell me, simply—without reference to ideology, party or magic potions—what do we need to do? For now, let's concentrate on goals.

Here is my list: We need to get many of the 20-plus million looking for work back earning again.

We need to make sure wealthy individuals (those with an annual income of \$1 million or more) and corporations pay more, not less, in taxes as a percent of their income than the rest of us. We need the revenue, and we need a fair tax system that is not twisted to benefit the rich.

We need a large capital infrastructure investment program, because retail consumer spending and housing bubbles will no longer drive the economy. Modernizing infrastructure will create jobs and make us more competitive, which makes the whole economy stronger. And we can load the infrastructure program up with jobs.

We need incentives for state and local governments not to lay people off. We want those dollars and jobs pumping through our economy; we don't want to choke them off—that creates blockages in the system, the economic equivalent of a stroke.

We need to reform our entitlement programs—Social Security and health care in its many forms—so they still serve those in need but don't grow faster than the economy. I said "reform," not destroy.

In sum: We should invest capital in our future and create jobs, insist the rich carry their fair share, size our benefit programs to our means, and as we put people to work, embark on a five-year program to erase our operating budget deficit.

This will require increased taxes on all of us. I'm a crusty old budget director and I know how to balance budgets.

Incredibly, what the nation did last decade was reduce taxes and increase spending—and then pretend we'd discovered a magic potion that would make everything come out OK. Now it's time to pay the piper and get back on track. Avoiding a serious depression requires the steps above plus higher taxes. There is one, and only one, piece of good news in this brutal fact: The amount we have to raise in taxes now to avoid a depression is much less than we will have to raise later if we keep on digging the hole into which we jumped because of our own witlessness.

The hour is late. Which of my goals do you disagree with? I'm

By PETER GOLDMARK

Newsday

Peter Goldmark, a former publisher of the International Herald Tribune, headed the climate program at the Environmental Defense Fund. He wrote this for Newsday.



not for abandoning the poor and the sick, or putting more people out of work rather than back into jobs. I won't support tax cuts for the rich while middle-class working folks carry the burden. I support Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security—but they cannot be allowed to grow so fast that they sink the whole ship.

There are ways to implement these objectives that are smart and effective. But first we have to stop yelling at each other and agree on those objectives.

Which of mine do you disagree with? With respect, your fellow citizen, Peter Goldmark.

Letter to the Editor

Squeezing blood out of a turnip

So the Retirement Fund is destined for a sure collapse. In past years, the Fund saw its good times. Today, the question is not "what the Fund can do" but rather "what the Fund can not do." It is like expecting key elected and appointed government officials for a convincing discussion about economic development, when what really needs to be the focus is for these same elected and appointed government officials to have clear and convincing thoughts about development of economics. It is reality check, and the consequences do not actually spell out good times. If we could not get a clear and intelligent explanation from our key elected leaders and bureaucrats, the common person's assessment of hard times is a sure thing. Bureaucrats are hired and placed in office for their intellectual ability and know-how to solve problems. No one to blame but these same elected and appointed government officials. If solving problems means less economic production of goods and services for all, then that is the outcome, unless we are able to squeeze blood out of a turnip.

Francisco R. Agulto

Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

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Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▾ 79
Palau	Rain	▲ 85 ▾ 78
Yap	Rain	▲ 86 ▾ 77
Chuuk	Cloudy	▲ 82 ▾ 76
Pohnpei	Cloudy	▲ 86 ▾ 74
Kosrae	Rain	▲ 85 ▾ 78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▾ 77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲ 60 ▾ 49
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▾ 66
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 91 ▾ 83
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▾ 76
London	Showers	▲ 62 ▾ 52
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▾ 66
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▾ 78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▾ 42
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 92 ▾ 79
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▾ 71
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▾ 78
Paris	Rain	▲ 62 ▾ 54
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 79 ▾ 73
Rome	Sunny	▲ 96 ▾ 71
Salem	Sunny	▲ 93 ▾ 59
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 64 ▾ 57
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 79 ▾ 71
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▾ 76
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87 ▾ 76

Tides

Saipan Harbor			Sunrise/Sunset		Moonrise/Moonset	
4:02 AM	Today	High Tide: 1.8 Feet	Today	6:04 AM	6:34 PM	Today
11:31 AM	Today	Low Tide: 0.2 Feet	Saturday	6:04 AM	6:33 PM	Saturday
6:34 PM	Today	High Tide: 1.8 Feet	Sunday	6:04 AM	6:33 PM	Sunday
11:54 PM	Today	Low Tide: 1.1 Feet	Monday	6:04 AM	6:32 PM	Monday
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GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

C09314 2:20am 2:50am 1, 5

SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)

C09315 4:25am 5:00am 1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

C09317 4:25am 5:15am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7

C09315 4:25am 6:00am 1, 5 via ROP

C09313 7:55am 8:45am 3, 6

C09313 8:30am 9:20am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7

C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

5K386 5:50pm 6:40pm 4

C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily

C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily

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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

C09315 5:30am 6:00am 1, 5

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C09314 3:20am 3:55am 1, 5

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C09316 2:45am 3:35am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7

5K387 6:30am 7:20am 3, 4, 7

C09596 6:35am 7:25am 3, 6

C09596 7:00am 7:50am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

C09600 10:05am 10:55am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7

C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily

C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

5K212 8:20am 10:55am 1, 3, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-OSSAKA (KIX)

OZ119 4:00am 6:40am Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287 6:05am 8:45am Daily

DL297 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

0Z606 2:20am 6:00am 1

0Z606 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

OZ119 4:00am 11:25am Daily via KIX

0Z604 3:30pm 7:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7

0Z605 8:10pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6

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3U8648 6:05am 8:30am 1, 5

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0Z606/701 2:20am 11:15am 1 via ICN

0Z606/701 2:50am 11:15am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

DL172/288 7:45am 12:35am+1 Daily via NRT

0Z702/605 12:45pm 1:00am+1 7 via ICN

0Z702/605 12:45pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN

C0190/9606 10:55am 9:00pm 3, 6 via GUM

C0192/9596 9:55pm 7:25am+1 2, 5 via GUM

9 Japanese students enjoy island visit despite rain

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Nine students from the Itoda City student exchange program are enjoying their stay on island amid sporadic rains the past few days.

Executive secretary Vincia Seman of the Saipan Mayor's Office said yesterday that the students, ages 11 to 13, arrived with three chaperones on Sunday night from Fukuoka, Japan.

"Despite the rain, they're still having a good time doing sightseeing and meeting a lot of local students," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Seman said Mayor Donald Flores welcomed the students on Monday morning and were presented with shell leis from the Marianas Visitors Authority.

The students visited historical sites and other interesting places such as Saipan Zoo and the Mount Carmel Cathedral. The students also met with their counterparts from the Grace Christian Academy.

While the students were not able to go to Managaha due to the bad weather, Seman said they went to see Paupau Beach where Mayor's

Office staffer Ton Reyes demonstrated how to use a *talaya*, a circular fishing net.

Yesterday, Seman said, the students visited MVA where they were presented with tokens.

Itoda City Mayor's Office staffer Mitsu-toshi Ozaki, one of the chaperones, will also present gifts to local students he assisted during the 20th Asia Pacific Children Convention in Fukuoka three years ago.

According to Seman, the Japanese students prepared for their trip by studying for three months several English and Chamorro phrases that they used during their visit.

Seman said the students are staying with their host families for the duration of the program. Host families include herself and Jeff Boyer, Ana Salas, Richard and Lorraine Seman, Fred and Tina Boyer, and Ieki and Valencia Tasi.

"We hope we continue to get more support from the community for this cultural exchange program," added Seman.

The students will have a send-off party on Saturday before they return home the next day.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores is flanked by participants of the Itoda City student exchange program at the mayor's conference room on Monday. The nine students, who were accompanied by three chaperones, arrived last Sunday and will return to Fukuoka, Japan on Aug. 28.

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Great deals, hefty discounts to be had in back-to-school sales

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REPORTER

With September around the corner and another school year about to start, the demand for low-priced and discounted school supplies and other stu-

dents' needs continues to rise.

The tough economy has particularly made back-to-school promotions attractive for parents who want to arm their



kids with everything they'll need for the new school year without breaking the bank.

Saipan Tribune rounds up a list of businesses that are offering deals that are easy on the

pocket, whether you're buying school bags, notebooks, or school outfits.

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Fashion Clicks: There's no better time to change wardrobe than the start of a new school year. Get the latest in fashion at Fashion Clicks Boutique located at the Island Apparel Bldg. in Lower Base.

Except for Renee Salud designer clothes, all merchandise have 20- to 30-percent discounts. Plus sizes are available. Visit the store from Monday to Friday from 9am to 6pm and on Saturday from 12nn to 5pm. For information, call 288-3441/2/3.

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Located along Beach Road in Oleai, Roshi's is open Monday to Saturday from 9:30am to 9:30pm and on Sunday from 10am to 8:30pm. Major credit cards and government checks are accepted.

Auto mechanic allegedly points knife at girlfriend

An auto mechanic was arrested Wednesday after he allegedly threatened his girlfriend with a knife, saying he would kill her if she leaves him.

William Degala, 39, was brought to the Superior Court yesterday for a Gerstein hearing, a proceeding when the arrest of a suspect is done without an arrest warrant.

Presiding Judge Robert

Naraja found probable cause to continue Degala's detention on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault, and disturbing the peace. Degala's bail was set at \$6,000 cash. Preliminary hearing will be on Aug. 31.

Detective Catherine B. Pangalinan, who narrated to the court the circumstances that led to Degala's arrest, said

that two police officers had responded Wednesday morning to a store on Texas Road in Susupe after receiving a report about a disturbing the peace incident.

Pangalinan said the officers met the victim, who was inside a car. The victim told police that Degala pointed a knife at her and threatened to kill her after she told him that she doesn't love

him anymore and that she has already found someone else.

Degala also allegedly forced her to have sex with him.

The following day, Wednesday, the victim decided to call the police.

When interviewed by police officers, Degala allegedly admitted threatening his girlfriend with a knife. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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Rose Dance School hosts a birthday party for a member.

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Special program to mark Rose Dance School's 2nd anniversary

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REPORTER

Rose Dance School will mark its second anniversary with a program on Sept. 3, highlighting the significance of dance in achieving a sound mind and body.

Carol Wong Chan, who co-manages the family-owned dance school located on the second floor of Canton Restaurant, revealed in an interview how much she loves dancing.

"My sisters and I, we all love ballroom dancing," Chan told *Saipan Tribune*, referring to Anna Chan and Rose Chan, the school's namesake.

This love for dancing, Chan said, led them to open Rose Dance School, which offers aerobics, ballroom, and Latin dance classes.

Chan emphasized that dancing is not only a fun activity but it also provides a lot of benefits for those who do it regularly.

Chan said that dancing burns up to 400 calories per hour, increases energy levels, increases flexibility, sharpens coordination and reaction time, improves posture, attitude and mental health, and helps reduce stress levels.

To convey the importance of dancing, Chan said they took part in the highly successful Wise Women Village Project of the Department of Public Health, reaching out to more women in the community.

"We started out with doing just aerobics but it wasn't exciting," Chan disclosed. "So we decided to put more dance moves and make it more interesting."

Chan is inviting the community to join them in their anniversary program, to be held in their dance studio at 8pm.

An entrance fee of \$3, inclusive of one drink, will be charged for each guest.

Chan also encouraged them to enroll in any of their dance classes. Aerobics classes are held at the 4-H Club in Susupe Monday to Friday, from 7pm to 8:30pm, for only \$1 per visit. Aerobics classes are also available at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan from Monday to Thursday, 6pm to 7:30pm.

Ballroom and Latin Dance classes, meanwhile, are available for special groups and are held Monday to Saturday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Individual lessons are also available by appointment and cost \$50 per four sessions.

Chan added that Friday nights are ballroom nights at Rose Dance School. An entrance fee of \$5, inclusive of one drink, is charged from 9pm to 12:30am. Ballroom classes are also available on Saturdays from 6pm to 8pm.

"Come and join us in celebrating our second anniversary by dancing the night away," said Chan.

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Head Start Policy Council
Agenda

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a regular meeting on August 29, 2011 (Monday) from 5:30pm-7:30pm, Tanapag Head Start Resource Center, Saipan.

I. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum
4. Adoption of Agenda

II. Public Comments

III. Communications
1. From the State Board of Education
2. From the Office of Head Start

IV. Monthly Reports
1. Managers
2. Director
3. Human Resource Officer
4. Finance
5. Council Standing Committees
a. Personnel
b. Education
c. Executive
d. Finance
e. Public Relations
f. Center Representatives

V. Old Business
New Business
1. Approval Items:
a. FY 2011-2012 Outer Pacific T&TA Grant
b. FY 2011-2012 Leadership Institute Supplemental Grant
c. SY 2010-2011 Program Information Report (PIR)
d. SY 2011-2012 Written Service Area Plans

VI. New Business
1. Amendment to 2011-2012 School Year Calendar
2. Professional Development Plans for SY 2011-2012
3. Renewal of Transportation Waiver Request
4. Personnel Updates
a. Staffing Patterns
b. Staff Qualifications
c. Teacher Recruitments
d. McRel Teacher Evaluations

VII. Miscellaneous Matters

VIII. Executive Session¹

IX. Next Meeting

X. Adjournment

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Ms. Candace Q. Celis at 664-3761; several days notice is required.

/s/ Mr. Anthony Barcina
Chairperson

¹ Pursuant to 1CMC § 9912, the Council may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Taste of India re-launches with special lunch, dinner buffets



CONTACT INFO

Tel: 234-8448
Email: tasteofindiasaipan@yahoo.com.
Location: along Middle Road next to IT&E
Hours: 11am-2pm and 6pm-10pm

CLARISSA DAVID

Taste of India restaurant manager Aji Thomas Mandumpala.

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REPORTER

Craving for naan bread, tandoori, and curry dishes? Check out the Taste of India, the only Indian restaurant on Saipan, now under new management.

Restaurant manager Aji Thomas Mandumpala said that Taste of India is now owned by Thommenchandy Thomas, who came up with the combination of island and Indian themes in reintroducing the restaurant.

Mandumpala said the new restaurant owner wants everyone on island to savor authentic Indian cuisine—which is fast becoming popular worldwide—by making it accessible and affordable.

"Now that Taste of India is under new management, our

customers can expect and enjoy not just our menu items at significantly reduced prices but also our great customer service," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Dinner and lunch buffets

Taste of India has come up with new and exciting offers for its customers, starting with its Saturday dinner buffet.

Mandumpala said this is the first time that Taste of India decided to offer a Saturday dinner buffet, launched only a week ago.

The Saturday dinner buffet features the famous Tandoori dish, which is marinated overnight in a combination of mughlai Masala and sour cream cooked in a clay oven, and other Indian fares that are not usually offered in a regular buffet. The spice index for buffet is between mild and medium.

The buffet costs only \$10—inclusive of one glass of any wine or a bottle of any beer—and is available from 6pm to 10pm. Children 8 years old and below are free of charge.

Mandumpala said the Saturday dinner buffet is intended for those who are not able to try their lunch buffet for lack of time. The buffet is also good for families who want to spend time together over dinner as it also includes dishes that even children can enjoy.

"We've already received a lot of good comments from our customers since we introduced the Saturday dinner buffet," he added.

For its lunch buffet, Taste of India serves eight different Indian dishes, Indian bread, fresh salad, assorted fruits, and refillable iced tea for only \$9.99. The buffet is available Monday to

Friday, from 11am to 2pm.

A la carte, bar menus

Taste of India also has a wide selection of *a la carte* fares that cost between \$2 and \$12.95.

Start your meal with appetizers such as Masala Papad, crispy fried and spicy Indian appetizers (\$2) or the Samosa, pyramid-shaped Indian pastry stuffed with lamb, chicken, beef or vegetables and served with sauce (\$5).

For the main course, try any of their Tandoori treasures—curry, lamb, beef, pork, seafood, and vegetarian specialties.

End on a sweet note with Gulab Jamun, an Indian specialty dessert served with a scoop of ice cream and fruits (\$5) or Lassi, a yogurt-based Indian drink available in three flavors: mango, sweet, and salt & plain (\$4.50).

Taste of India also has an extensive bar selection that includes whiskeys, brandy, domestic and premium beers, wines, and popular cocktails.

"We have happy hour everyday from 5pm to 8pm. Beers are only \$2 per bottle while cocktails are just \$3.50 each," said Mandumpala.

He said they are also giving away discount cards that offer 5- to 15-percent discount rates to cardholders, depending on the frequency of visits.

Besides Mandumpala, Taste of India staff includes Dinesh Thomas Kachappilly, Saratbhal Panikkasery, Radhika G. Itani, and Liza Comon.

Relish authentic Indian cuisine only at Taste of India, located along Middle Road next to IT&E. They're open 11am-2pm and 6pm-10pm. All major credit cards accepted. They also accommodate reservations for meetings and parties. For more information, call 234-8448 or email tasteofindiasaipan@yahoo.com.

Rota east harbor project to be funded by a USDA grant

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Rota Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) disclosed yesterday that in the absence of a go-signal from the Office of Insular Affairs to use 702 funds for the construction of the island's east harbor, its members and the municipality have decided to explore other funding sources for the project.

The delegation appropriated \$25 million last year from the government's 702 monies for the Rota harbor improvement. The decision was reached in order to address the long history of an unsafe harbor entrance and berthing area on Rota that has hampered shipping and economic development.

Ayuyu revealed that after consulting the Executive Branch, it was agreed upon to take a new approach for the project. He said the U.S. Department of Agriculture will now fund the project.

However, the grant allows only

non-profit organizations to handle the project. The Rota municipality and the delegation are in the process of creating a non-profit group that will apply for the grant. As of yesterday, documents for the registration of the non-profit organization were being finalized.

"This is totally a different approach from the original. We will be receiving the \$25 million grant [from USDA] and without any involvement of the government [in repayment]," the senator said.

Ayuyu declined to name the non-profit group being formed but reiterated that it will be the expenditure authority of the grant and will have full responsibility for the project.

"We didn't receive the authorization from OIA to use the 702 monies. Because of the urgency of this project, we made the decision to take another approach and we're very optimistic that it will work," he said.

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The WIC Program is a federally funded program that offers nutrition and breastfeeding education, supplemental nutritious foods, and referrals to community resources, to women, infants, and children.

 COMMUNITY BRIEFS
Kagman High orientation for juniors, seniors today

Kagman High School will be holding an orientation for juniors and seniors today, Aug. 26, 2011. Juniors will have their orientation from 9am to 10am, while seniors will have theirs from 10:30am to 11:30am. For more information, call the KHS main office at 237-3840. (KHS)

Saipan Southern High orientation today

Saipan Southern High School will have its freshman student orientation today, Aug. 26. It will be held in two different sessions—from 9am-11am and from 1pm-3pm. Attend only one session with parents or legal guardians. No students will be allowed to attend the orientation without parents or legal guardians in attendance. For more information, call the SSHS principal directly at 237-3702 or the SSHS main office at 664-4000. (SSHS)

Learn how to make tamales mendioka, rosru in traditional oven

The Inetnon Amot yan Kutturan Natibuu/Mwiischil Safey me Kkooor Aramasal Faluw is offering free classes in making tamales mendioka, rosru, and gutyuria at the Man'amko Center in Garapan on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011. Also, amot makpung is available as well as some medicinal plants. All interested Chamorros and Carolinians are encouraged to attend. The making of the tamales, rosru and gutyuria will start at 9am. A few traditional healers will be at the Center with some of their medicines from 9am to 12pm.

This Saturday's activities at the Rota Chamorro Village Cultural Center (in the DCCA office compound) include making motsiyas food and ailing tulompu bracelet and pendant, coconut shell earrings, making fly traps, and story telling. Activities on Rota start at 10:30am. Children and adults are invited.

These activities are offered by the Association of Native Medicine and Culture, in partnership with the Indigenous Affairs Office (Saipan) and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Office (Rota) and funded in part by the Administration for Native Americans. For more information, call 322-0278 on Saipan and 286-5562 on Rota. (PR)

Veteran outreach in September

This is to let all veterans and all concerned know that Tina San Agustin, Department of Veterans Affairs legal administrative specialist from Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, will be on Saipan on Sept. 28-29, 2011 for a veterans outreach on veterans federal benefits. She will be also entertaining questions and assisting with claims. The outreach will be held at the Military & Veterans Affairs Office on Capital Hill,

Bldg. No. 1364, Saipan. If you wish to make an appointment or for further information, contact Bernie B. Dela Cruz at the Office of Military & Veterans Affairs at 664-2650. (PR)

MMA exec on Marianas Agupa tomorrow

This Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011, Marianas Agupa will feature Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio between 10am and 10:30am on Magic 100.3 FM. The discussion will be on MVA's program to promote the CNMI as a tourist destination.

The Chamorro Radio Talk Show Program is from 9am to 11am and is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. Featured reports: World report and program review by former mayor Joseph S. Inos and a report from Rota with correspondent and commentator Thomas D. Mendiola; a special segment called Hafa Mohon with Juanita Mendiola and a report from Tinian by correspondent and radio commentator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. (PR)

Coast Guard training on Tipalao, Cetti bays

SANTARITA, GUAM—The U.S. Coast Guard will conduct training on Tipalao Bay and Cetti Bay on the following dates and times:

- Aug. 26 from 6:30pm-10pm
- Aug. 29 from 6:30pm-10pm
- Sept. 1-2 from 6:30pm-10pm

The location of the training on Tipalao Bay will extend from 13-25°N and 144-38.5°E. The location of the training on Cetti Bay will extend from 13-19°N and 144-39°E.

The public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are ad-

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
 CHITO M. CACHERO,) FCD-DI CIVIL
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 Petitioner,) NO. 11-0243
)
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) FOR
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Dated this 18th day of August 2011.

/s/ Clerk of Court

Sobriety checkpoints set this weekend

The Department of Public Safety's Traffic Section will be conducting sobriety checkpoints on the following dates and time:

- Friday, Aug. 26, 2011, 9:30pm to 10:45pm: Chalan Pale Arnold Road, Gualo Rai, by Chong's Refrigeration.
- Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011, 1am to 2:15am: Beach Road, Garapan, by Bank Pacific.
- Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011, 10pm to 11:15pm: Monsignor Martinez Road, As Lito, by the Food Stamp Office.

to 12:45am: Beach Road, Chalan Kanoa, by Super Fresh Store.

■ Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011, 9:30pm to 10:45pm: Chalan Pale Arnold Road, Chalan Laulau, by IT&E.

- Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011, 12:00am to 1:15am: Beach Road, Susupe, by the Minachon Attdao Pavilion.

Each checkpoint will last at least 75 minutes (1 hour and

15 minutes). In addition, traffic officers will be conducting highway criminal interdictions, aggressive driver interdictions, and laser (speed detection) enforcement activities.

This activity is part of the department's effort to deter, detect and apprehend impaired drivers and to ensure that all vehicle occupants are protected.

For more information, contact Sgt. Anthony Macaranas, Traffic Section, at (670) 664-9084 or 9085. (DPS)

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for information on a burglary and theft incident that occurred at a residence located on Buenas Noches Lane, Dandan.

On Sunday, Aug. 14, 2010, the victim, a 29-year-old local female, arrived home that evening with her husband to discover their home burglarized. Their 32-inch

flat screen TV was missing along with a DVD player.

The point of entry was through an empty air conditioning slot. Plywood covering the slot was pried open and taken off. There was a ladder left on the wall outside used to gain entry.

Dandan home burglarized

The stolen items are described as a black 32" Samsung flat screen TV rented from Dial Rent-to-Own. The DVD player (brand unknown) was purchased from the U.S. Army PX. The estimated amount of the stolen items is over \$1,000. (Crime Stoppers)



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COMMUNITY

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vised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated. (USCG)

Oleai Elementary parent/guardian orientation set

This is to inform all parents and guardians of returning and new students of Oleai Elementary School that there will be a parent/student orientation on Sept. 1, 2011, and Sept. 2, 2011, at 5:30pm, at the school cafeteria. Parents and guardians should attend any of the two dates. (PR)

Kagman Elementary schedule of activities

- Aug. 29, teachers and staffs report to school, 7:30am-4:30pm.
- Aug. 30, school level PD
- Aug. 31, Parent and guardian student orientation day in the school cafeteria.

Kindergarten to 3rd Grade, 9-10am

4th -6th Grade at 1-2pm

- Sept. 1, school level PD
- Sept. 2, school level PD
- Sept. 5, Labor Day, CNMI legal holiday

■ Sept. 6, First day of classes for students, from kindergarten to 6th Grade,

Kindergarten (AM) session, 8-11am

Kindergarten (PM) session, 11:45am-2:45pm.

1st to 6th Grade, 8am-2:45pm

Instruction starts at 8am for all elementary schools. Parents and guardians are asked to have their child or children at school before 8am but not earlier than 7:30am. Bus riders are asked to be at the designated bus stop by 6:55am. Bus pick up time is 7am. (PR)

SVES parent/guardian orientation

The San Vicente Elementary School has scheduled its parent and guardian orientation for school year 2001-2012 for Friday, Sept. 2, from 5pm to 5:30pm in the cafeteria and from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in their respective classrooms. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend. (PR)

SAES parent orientation schedule

The San Antonio Elementary School will hold its parent orientation on Sept. 6 and 7, according to grade levels. The orientation will be in each respective classroom. All parents are urged to be present to receive important information that will be given out by each classroom teacher. Please be on time.

SEPT. 6

Kinder (AM & PM), 3pm-4pm

4th Grade, 4pm-5pm

5th Grade, 5pm-6pm

6th Grade, 6pm-7pm

SEPT. 7

1st Grade, 4pm-5pm

2nd Grade, 5pm-6pm

3rd Grade, 6pm-7pm

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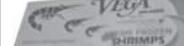
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Business

Without Jobs, Apple must show it can still deliver

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—With Steve Jobs bowing out as CEO, Apple Inc. must persuade investors and consumers that it doesn't need the force behind the iMac, iPod, iPhone and iPad in charge to keep the technology hits coming.

Tim Cook, his hand-picked successor, has handled the top job repeatedly in the absence of the ailing Jobs, who resigned as chief executive Wednesday and was elected chairman of Apple's board. Though not nearly as recognizable as Jobs, Cook had been running Apple since January. The company's

stock has risen 62 percent during that time.

Jeff Gamet, managing editor of Apple-focused news site The Mac Observer, said Jobs' departure has more sentimental than practical significance. He said he has been telegraphing the change for several years.

"All Apple really has done is made official what they've been doing administratively for a while now, which is Tim runs the show and Steve gets to do his part to make sure the products come out to meet the Apple standard," he said.

But Trip Chowdhry, an ana-

lyst with Global Equities Research, said Jobs' maniacal attention to detail is what has set Apple apart. He said Apple's product pipeline might be secure for another few years, but he predicted that the company will eventually struggle to come up with market-changing ideas.

"Apple is Steve Jobs, Steve Jobs is Apple, and Steve Jobs is innovation," Chowdhry said. "You can teach people how to be operationally efficient, you can hire consultants to tell you how to do that, but God creates innovation. ... Apple without Steve Jobs is nothing."

Jobs' resignation appears to be the result of an unspecified medical condition for which he took a leave from his post in January.

In a letter addressed to Apple's board and the "Apple community," Jobs said he "always said if there ever came a day when I could no longer meet my duties and expectations as Apple's CEO, I would be the first to let you know. Unfortunately, that day has come."

Jobs' health has long been a concern for Apple investors, who see him as an oracle of technology. He had previously survived

pancreatic cancer and received a liver transplant.

The company said Jobs gave the board his resignation Wednesday and suggested that Cook, Apple's chief operating officer, be named the company's new leader. Apple also said Cook is becoming a member of its board.

Genentech Inc. Chairman Art Levinson, in a statement issued on behalf of Apple's board, said Jobs' "extraordinary vision and leadership saved Apple and guided it to its position as the world's most innovative and valuable technology company."

He said that Jobs will continue to provide "his unique insights, creativity and inspiration," and that the board has "complete confidence" that Cook is the right person to replace him.

"Tim's 13 years of service to Apple have been marked by outstanding performance, and he has demonstrated remarkable talent and sound judgment in everything he does," Levinson said.

Earlier this month Apple briefly became the most valuable company in America, surpassing Exxon Mobil. At the market close Wednesday, Apple's value was \$349 billion, just behind Exxon Mobil's \$358 billion.

Jobs' hits seemed to grow bigger as the years went on: After the colorful iMac computer and the now-ubiquitous iPod, the iPhone redefined the category of smartphones and the iPad all but created the market for tablet computers.

Steve Jobs

Resigns
as CEO
of Apple Inc.



Early years

Born 1955, in San Francisco, Calif.

Education Homestead High School, Cupertino, Calif.

From garage to boardroom

1976 Starts Apple Computer Co. (now Apple Inc.) with Steve Wozniak in the family garage

1984 Unveils the first Macintosh

1985 Forced out of Apple, starts NeXT Computer, specializing in computer workstations

1986 Co-founds Pixar from a former Lucasfilm graphics unit that he reportedly bought for \$10 million

1996 Returns to Apple when the company buys NeXT

2001 Launches the iPod, changing the music business

2003 Introduces iTunes store

2006 Sells Pixar to Disney in a \$7.4-billion deal that gives him a seat on Disney's board

2007 Releases the iPhone

2010 Unveils the iPad, setting the standard for tablet computers; Apple jumps ahead of Microsoft as the largest U.S. computer firm (market value)

Health issues

2004 Undergoes successful surgery for pancreatic cancer

2009 Has liver transplant during six-month leave of absence

2011 Jan. 17, announces another leave of absence to deal with health issues

2011 Aug. 24, announces resignation as CEO.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC BID#: IFB 11-0002

TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL SERVICES

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Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m. September 19, 2011, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. You may request a copy of the IFB 11-0002 packet via fax (670) 235-7601 or e-mail to Anita Camacho (anitac@nmcnet.edu).

Sealed bids must be marked "NMC IFB 11-0002" for bidders within the CNMI, an original and 4 copies of sealed bids must be submitted to NMC Procurement and Property Management Office, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time September 19, 2011. Bidders outside the CNMI may obtain an additional (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of intent to bid. Notice of intent to bid must be received by the Procurement and Property Manager no later than 10:00 a.m. local time September 19, 2011 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 235-7601 or via email to anitac@nmcnet.edu. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and 4 copy of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 19, 2011. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the NMC Procurement and Property Management Office, As Terlaje Campus on September 19, 2011 at 1:30pm. However, if notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at September 27, 2011 at 1:30pm.

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/s/ Anita Camacho
Procurement Manager

/s/ John D. Guerrero
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Nation

To stay or go? Officials ponder Irene evacuations

HATTERAS, N.C. (AP)—Hurricane Irene could hit anywhere from North Carolina to New York this weekend, leaving officials in the path of uncertainty to make a delicate decision. Should they tell tourists to leave during one of the last weeks of the multibillion-dollar summer season?

Most were in a wait-and-see mode, holding out to get every dime before the storm's path crystallizes. North Carolina's governor told reporters not to

Panel: Captain who made videos can stay in Navy

NORFOLK, Va. (AP)—The former commander of a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier who produced raunchy videos aboard the USS Enterprise can remain in the Navy despite a finding that he committed misconduct, a Navy panel ruled Wednesday.

Capt. Owen P. Honors let out a sigh of relief after the board of inquiry read its decision, then embraced his wife after months of uncertainty about his career largely came to a close. The board was deciding whether to recommend to Navy Secretary Ray Mabus that Honors should be kicked out of the Navy after nearly three decades of service because of the videos. Among other things, the videos included simulated same-sex shower scenes, anti-gay slurs and references to prostitution in foreign ports.

Honors also faced the possibility of losing hundreds of thousands of dollars in retirement benefits if he had been forced out

scare people away.

"You will never endanger your tourists, but you also don't want to over inflate the sense of urgency about the storm. And so let's just hang on," North Carolina Gov. Beverly Perdue said Wednesday. At the same time she warned to "prepare for the worst."

In the Bahamas, tourists cut their vacations short and caught the last flights out before the airport was closed. Those who remained behind with locals

prepared for a rough night of violent winds and a dangerous storm surge that threatened to punish the low-lying chain of islands. Irene has already hit Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, causing landslides and flooding homes. One woman was killed.

On the Outer Banks of North Carolina, some tourists heeded evacuation orders for a tiny barrier island as Irene strengthened to a Category 3 storm, with winds of 120 mph (193 kph).

"We jam-packed as much fun as we could into the remainder of Tuesday," said Jessica Stanton Tice of Charleston, W.Va.

under a different pay grade.

"O.P. is pleased," Honors' attorney, Charles Gittins, told reporters following the hearing. "Retention is a big deal. He has the advantage now of leaving now on his terms."

Honors was removed as the carrier's top officer in January days before a scheduled deployment after several of the videos were leaked to media outlets. He was reassigned to administrative duties because of the videos and Honors believes an officer he had recently disciplined on the ship was responsible for the leak, which he considers an act of revenge.

It was not immediately clear what jobs Honors' may hold in the future, but it is unlikely he would return to the Enterprise. A new commanding officer took control of the ship last week, replacing the commanding officer who was called in for a six month deployment following Honors' dismissal.

She left Ocracoke Island on an early-morning ferry with her husband and toddler.

"We're still going to give North Carolina our vacation

business, but we're going to Asheville" in the mountains, she said.

Officials said Irene could cause flooding, power outages

or worse as far north as Maine, even if the eye of the storm stays offshore. Hurricane-force winds were expected 50 miles from the center of the storm.

Ky. jury rules against penis amputation patient

SHELBYVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A Kentucky truck driver who was wheeled into surgery for a simple circumcision but awoke without part of his penis lost his multimillion-dollar lawsuit Wednesday against the urologist who lopped off a cancer-riddled section of the organ.

A six-man, six-woman jury deliberated briefly before say-

ing it didn't agree with 64-year-old Phillip Seaton and his wife, Deborah, that Dr. John Patterson had failed to exercise proper care. Seaton also sued because he said he hadn't consented to the amputation.

The doctor said he decided to amputate less than an inch of the penis after he found potentially deadly cancer during surgery in

2007. The rest of the penis was taken off later by another doctor.

Patterson testified that when he cut the foreskin, the tip of the penis had the appearance of rotten cauliflower, indicating cancer. A pathologist later testified that tests confirmed the diagnosis. "What I saw was not a penis. What I saw was cancer," Patterson had testified.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC BID#: IFB 11-0003

AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE SERVICE

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Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m. September 20, 2011, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. You may request a copy of the IFB 11-0003 packet via fax (670) 235-7601 or e-mail to Anita Camacho (anitac@nmcnet.edu).

Sealed bids must be marked "NMC IFB 11-0003" for bidders within the CNMI, an original and 4 copies of sealed bids must be submitted to NMC Procurement and Property Management Office, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time September 20, 2011. Bidders outside the CNMI may obtain an additional (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of intent to bid. Notice of intent to bid must be received by the Procurement and Property Manager no later than 10:00am local time September 20, 2011 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 235-7601 or via email to anitac@nmcnet.edu. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and 4 copy of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 20, 2011. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the NMC Procurement and Property Management Office, As Terlaje Campus on September 20, 2011 at 1:30pm. However, if notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at September 28, 2011 at 1:30pm.

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World

Libyan rebels hunt Gadhafi

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Libyans hunting Moammar Gadhafi offered a \$2 million bounty on the fallen dictator's head and amnesty for anyone who kills or captures him as rebels battled Wednesday to clear the last pockets of resistance from the capital Tripoli.

While some die-hard loyalists kept up the fight to defend Gadhafi, his support was crumbling by the hour. His deputy intelligence chief defected, and even his foreign minister said his 42-year rule was over.

A defiant Gadhafi vowed from hiding to fight on "until victory or martyrdom," in an audio message early Wednesday.

He may have little choice. Asked by the British broadcaster Channel 4 if a negotiated settlement or safe passage for Gadhafi from Libya was still possible, Foreign Minister Abdul Ati al-Obeidi said: "It looks like things have passed this kind of solution."

Rebel leaders were beginning to set up a new government in the capital. Their interim administration, the National Transitional Council, has been based in the eastern city of Benghazi, which fell under rebel control shortly after the outbreak of widespread protests in February.

"Members of the council are now moving one by one from Benghazi to Tripoli,"

WORLD BRIEFS

Hurricane Irene batters smaller islands of Bahamas

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP)—A large and powerful Hurricane Irene roared across the Bahamas archipelago on Wednesday, knocking down trees and destroying homes on a path that officials said posed the greatest threat to the country's smaller, less-populated islands. There were no immediate reports of major injuries or deaths but property damage appeared likely to be extensive. Acklins and Crooked Islands, in the southern part of the chain, got hit particularly hard, with an estimated 90 percent of the homes in two settlements severely damaged or destroyed, said Capt. Stephen Russell, director of the country's National Emergency Management Agency.

Clashes, disruptions as strike begins in Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—Protesters supporting a 48-hour strike called by student groups, unions and opposition politicians threw up burning barricades and clashed with police Wednesday to demand fundamental changes in Chile. The government said 36 people—19 police officers and 17 civilians—were injured and 348 people detained over the course of the day. Earlier, police Maj. Christian Kuntzman said one injured officer was shot in the hand.

said Mansour Seyf al-Nasr, the Libyan opposition's new ambassador to France.

Rebel officials are eager to prove they can bring a stable political future to Libya, and that their movement is more than an often-fractious collection of tribes, ethnicities and semiautonomous militias. Mahmoud Jibril, the head of the opposition government, outlined plans for a new constitution and elections and said officials were talking to the U.N. about sending up to 200 monitors to help ensure security in Tripoli.

But the capital was far from pacified. A day after rebels captured Gadhafi's vast Bab al-Aziziyah compound, the symbolic center of his regime, loyalists were firing into the compound from an adjacent neighborhood where intense clashes broke out. Pro-regime snipers cut off the road to the airport. Four Italian journalists were kidnapped on the highway to Tripoli around the city of Zawiya, 30 miles west of the capital.



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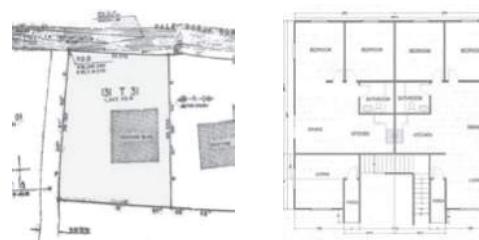
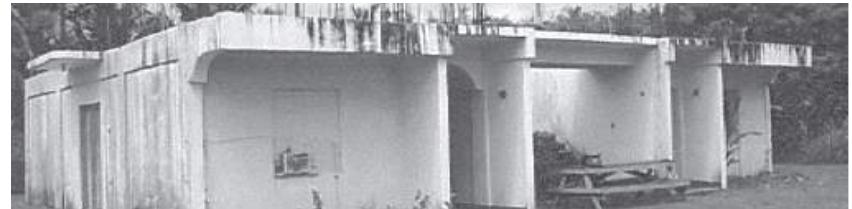


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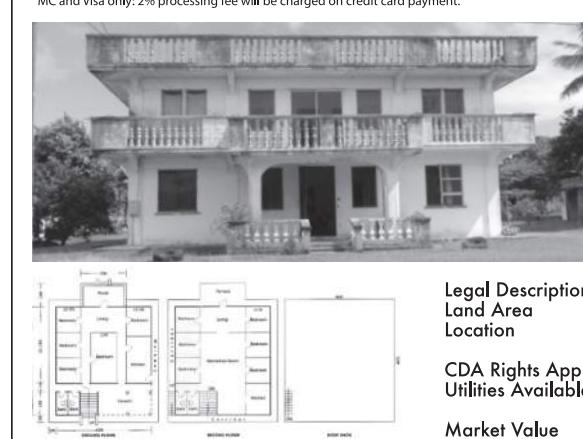
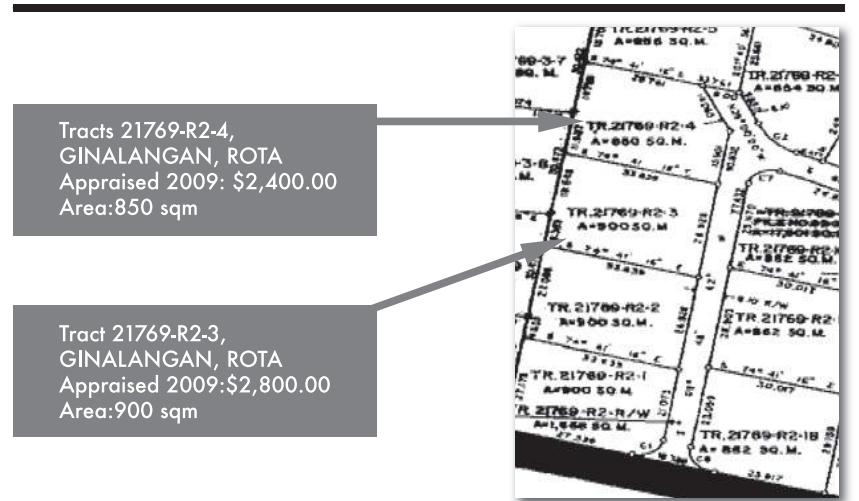
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Off the Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Hawk swoops inside NYC apartment building

NEW YORK (AP)—A red-tailed hawk caused quite a stir

after flying through an open window of a five-story New York City apartment building. Tenant Joe Moderski says he thought he had missed a pillow fight because



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FINANCIAL AUDITS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. RF11-005
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OPENING DATE: August 22, 2011 CLOSING DATE: September 21, 2011

The Board of Trustees of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund is soliciting sealed proposals to perform a financial audit of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund (NMIRF), Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC), and Group Health and Life Insurance Trust Fund (GHLITF) for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2011 and 2012. To receive the RFP package, you may mail, fax or e-mail your request to:

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There will be a pre-proposal conference on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 9:00 am in the Fund Conference Room, Capitol Hill Saipan. Questions regarding the project must be submitted in writing to Richard S. Villagomez, Administrator, Fax No. (670) 664-8080 or emailed to administrator01@nmiretirement.com no later than September 1, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in a proposal if doing so is the best interest of the Fund. All proposals shall become the property of the NMI Retirement Fund.

//s/ Richard S. Villagomez
Administrator

there were so many feathers in the hallway of the Upper West Side building. Moderski says he arrived home around 3:30 p.m. Sunday to find the hawk outside his top-floor apartment. He says the raptor flew at him, just missing his face, so he took off running. Two emergency service police officers eventually caught the bird and took it to the city's Animal Care and Control center.

Fake pterodactyl nabs surfer in statue prank

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA, Calif. (AP)—A bronze surfer statue near San Diego that's been the target of many gags has been hit again. Unknown pre-dawn pranksters on Saturday constructed an elaborate scene of a pterodactyl seemingly about to pluck the sculpture of a young surfer off his board. The pranksters placed a painted backdrop of a volcanic eruption behind the surfer statue. The Los Angeles Times reports crowds of gawkers and photographers gathered around the 16-foot creation after the sun rose. Last year someone surrounded the roadside statue in Cardiff-by-the-Sea with a papier mache model of a great white shark that appeared to be swallowing it whole.

Arizona man accused of stuffing snakes down shorts

PHOENIX (AP)—Police say an Arizona man stole several baby albino boa constrictors at a pet store by stuffing them in his shorts. Eric Fiebel was arrested Tuesday after police reviewed surveillance footage from Predator's Reptile Center in Mesa. They say a July 30 video shows the 22-year-old man entering the store, removing several snakes from their cage and placing them in the pocket of his shorts before exiting the store without paying. Police say Fiebel then traveled to another pet store and traded several of the snakes for \$175 and a large reptile tank.

Ore. city dumps mayor for not showing up for work

SODAVILLE, Ore. (AP)—A small city in Oregon has kicked out its mayor for not showing up to work. The Albany Democrat-Herald reports that Sodaville replaced 35-year-old Brady Harrington with the city council's president. The newspaper says Harrington missed council meetings in June and July, along with skipping three budget meetings. The new mayor, Nick Heineck, says Harrington was occupied as a firefighter and student, but would not commit to returning to meetings when council members reached him by phone this week. Harrington declined to resign.

Ariz. street sign prank warns of 'rogue panda'

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP)—Authorities in Flagstaff, Ariz., are assuring residents there are no rogue pandas roaming the city after some pranksters got creative with an electronic street sign. The Arizona Department of Transportation-controlled sign was set up to warn drivers not to make left turns at a busy intersection. But motorists heading to work Monday morning got an entirely different message: "Rogue panda on rampage." A passer-by reported the hacked sign to police at about 3 a.m. Monday. Transportation Department spokeswoman Mackenzie Nuno says the sign was restored to its original message by 11 a.m.

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AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT/ UPGRADE, FRANCISCO C. ADA SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-62/65/67, CPA-SA-003-09.

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of the Drainage System Improvement/Upgrade to include the replacement of the damaged roof waterproofing with existing insulation board and diversion of the roof drain all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in 240 calendar days. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages in the amount of \$500/day if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the bid proposal documents, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, AUGUST 12, 2011**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow right after the pre-bid conference. Attendance is mandatory to all prospective bidders. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are encouraged to use the CD bid schedule form. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law or Federal Law, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:
/s/ MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ
Acting Board Chairman/Contracting Officer
Date: August 24, 2011



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS RFQ11-GOV-134

A&E REDESIGN of the THE PUERTO RICO DUMP CLOSURE

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lieutenant Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Capital Improvement Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified consultants to provide Architectural & Engineering re-design of the Puerto Rico Dump Closure Project located on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The complete Scope of Work for the A&E services required will be available on Wednesday, August 24, 2011, at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI. A non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars (US \$50.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. Questions regarding the RFQ must be submitted in writing to Mr. James R. Stump, CIP Contracting Officer, or fax to (670) 664-2408, no later than 4 p.m. ChST September 05, 2011.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and a Schedule of Completion, addressing the Scope of Work requirements with details of how the work will be performed and accomplished by the consultants, with the names of the responsible persons identified. Proposers shall also submit a statement of qualifications with resumes and experience for the responsible persons. The total proposal length shall not exceed fifty (50) pages in length, inclusive of resumes and previous project descriptions. Note that a firm which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, the consultant may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and Background of the Company(s) and proposed assigned personnel - 25%
2. Past experience of the consultant on design of similar projects - 25%
3. Project Approach and Schedule for Completion - 25%
4. Demonstrated capability of ability to perform the work required - 25%

Performance time for completion of the A&E redesign is One Hundred Sixty (160) calendar days upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed and shall be the greater of (i) two hundred dollars (US\$200.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by the number of calendar days of the contract time, the contract time and contract price being determined at the time of the assessment of liquidated damages for each and every day beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three ranked (3) firms. After a selection is made negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked "RFQ11-GOV-134, A&E ReDesign of the Puerto Rico Dump Closure Project". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, September 19, 2011. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, September 19, 2011, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, September 19, 2011, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than September 28, 2011 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director of Procurement & Supply

Science & Technology

What to look for in a TV

By ANNE KRISHNAN
THE NEWS & OBSERVER

QUESTION: I have never bought a new TV and now at 45 find myself interested in/in need of a new TV. I work in technology marketing and am pretty tech-savvy, but frankly have not kept up with TV technology. I want a midsize flat screen that will give me a lot of years of use, is HD compatible and that I can network into my computers.

I have finally sworn off cable, so I will be looking for reception alternatives. I now watch most TV programs through downstream recordings or Netflix, and really only watch news or some sporting events live. Given the above, what should I look for in a TV?—S.M.

Answer: The flat-panel TV market has become extremely competitive, and for the most part, the quality of the sets available now is fantastic, said Leon Shaw, chairman and founder of Audio Advice, a Raleigh, N.C., home entertainment technology company.

Even so, a shopping tip: If you don't need the very latest features, buy last year's model as soon as the current year's model comes out. There are two benefits to this strategy. You can see a year's worth of reviews before you buy, and you can get a better price.

Now, on to size. The size of your TV depends on the size of your room and how far you'll be sitting from the TV. Tech site CNET.com recommends buying at least a 32-inch TV for a bedroom and at least 40 inches for a living room or main TV. Another rule of thumb, CNET reviewer David Katzmaier writes, is to place your seating no closer to the TV than 1.5 times the screen's diagonal measurement and no farther than twice that measurement.

So for a viewing distance of 5 to 7 feet, you'd want to consider a 40-inch TV; 6 to 8 feet, you'd look for a 50-inch TV; and 7.5 to 10 feet, you'd pick a 60-inch TV.

When you're talking flat screens, the main two types of monitors are LED/LCD and plasma. Shaw thinks the current plasma sets have the best and most natural picture quality. They have also gotten more energy-efficient, and most are Energy-Star rated. If you have a room that might have light reflecting off your set, LED would be the better choice. But in a controlled light environment, he would pick plasma.

By the way, as TVs have gotten thinner, their audio has gotten poorer. You might want to make room in your budget for a sound bar, if not a speaker system, Shaw said.

Once you get your TV home, the first thing you should do is to adjust your picture settings. Most TVs have been tuned up to overcome the harsh store lighting that manufacturers know the sets will be displayed in, and yours must be adjusted for your home.

"It makes a huge difference, which is actually greater than any difference you would find between good quality brands if all settings were equal," Shaw said.

If you purchased your TV from an A/V specialty dealer, they will typically do this for you, he said. If not, there are several set-up discs that will walk you through the process. The best-selling on Amazon.com is "Disney WOW: World of Wonder," sold in versions for Blu-ray and regular DVD players for about \$26.

Now for content. While connectivity within your TV is important to some degree, more important is the content box that you're connecting it to. As technology progresses, it's easy and relatively cheap to switch out your box.

For the most choices in streaming content, you'll want to consider Roku, says Jeremy Behrens, an IT consultant in Audubon, N.J. This little box allows you to stream channels including Netflix, Hulu Plus, Amazon Instant Video and Pandora.

He recommends the most expensive \$100 version for its USB port, which would allow you to stream music, video or photos to your TV from your local network, and for its dual-band wireless N connection, which should allow you a better signal quality for the data. Other versions are \$60 and \$80.

Another option is the Apple TV, which retails for \$99 but doesn't have as many streaming choices as Roku, Shaw said. "For someone looking to cut the cable cord, Roku is the best choice," he agreed.

Most mainstream TVs also have a Web browser built in for accessing content, along with things like Netflix and Hulu, but the interface is not as good as Roku's, he said.

One final note. The best thing Behrens can recommend to anyone who wants to cut the cord on cable TV completely is to invest in a wired network connection to your new TV or streaming device. This means running a cable directly from your router to the box.

"Streaming video consumes a lot of bandwidth, and there is sometimes just too much information in an HD video stream to push out over Wi-Fi," he said.

However, if you must use wireless to connect your streaming device to your network, he recommends that you make sure that the device and your router support the latest 802.11n ("wireless N") technology.

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Life & Style

Pacino, 'Scarface' cast celebrate film's legacy

By SANDY COHEN
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Al Pacino says he got burned while making "Scarface."

Literally, he grabbed the hot barrel of a gun that had just shot 30 rounds during one of Tony Montana's violent scenes.

"My hand stuck to that sucker," the 71-year-old actor recalled. He couldn't work for two weeks.

Pacino relayed the experience during a discussion with "Scarface" co-stars Steven Bauer, Robert Loggia and F. Murray Abraham and producer Martin Bregman at a party in Los Angeles Tuesday heralding the film's Blu-ray release.

Part of the charm of the film, Pacino said, is that it wasn't initially a hit.

"It's one of my favorites because of its whole evolution," he said. "It (was) sort of eviscerated after it opened by the press.... Nobody was fond of it, except it had good audience participation."

He said "it's almost a miracle" audiences continue to discover and appreciate the film.

He wanted to make it after being inspired by Paul Muni's performance in the 1932 original. Sidney Lumet suggested he make the main character Cuban



Actors Al Pacino, center, F. Murray Abraham, left, and Steven Bauer pose together at "Scarface" Legacy Celebration Event in Los Angeles, Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011.

instead of Italian.

Pacino's "Scarface" is set in 1980s Miami, and Tony Montana is an ambitious immigrant who runs a growing drug empire until he eventually collapses under greed and addiction. Pacino's performance as the gun-wielding, coke-snorting Montana is among his most memorable.

He said that during the nine months he was shooting the film, his character practically inhabited him. When a friend's yappy little dog lunged at him, Pacino said he cocked back his fist instinctively, as if threatening a punch.

"So I love Tony Montana, man, because I couldn't do that!" Pacino said Tuesday.

Bregman called "Scarface" a "perfect, perfect movie."

Its timeless themes of greed, desire and ambition would make it controversial even if it were just released today, Pacino said.

Screenwriter Oliver Stone and director Brian De Palma were both "trying to talk about the avarice of the '80s," Pacino said. "At that time, there was this whole thing about greed, which was Wall Street and everything, and I think that's part of it. A great character, too, Tony Montana—a person who dares to do anything, who flies like a Phoenix, like Icarus, close to the sun."

Longtime LA beat poet Scott Wannberg dead at 58

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Scott Wannberg's poems were wildly colorful, sometimes off the wall, frequently in your face and just as often very funny.

In other words, they were like the author.

Wannberg, whose garrulous personality and bearish build cast a huge shadow over the Los Angeles poetry scene for decades, died Friday at his home in Florence, Ore., his longtime friend and fellow poet, S.A. Griffin, told The Associated Press. He was 58.

The cause of death was not immediately known, but Wannberg had been in declining health and had moved to Oregon two years ago to be closer to family.

Prolific to the end of his life, Wannberg gave hundreds of readings, published 10 volumes of poetry and was often included in anthologies, among them "The Outlaw Bible of American Poetry."

His stream-of-consciousness, beat-influenced style, noted for its colorful, often humorous language, touched on seemingly every subject that came to the author's mind: from the death of a beloved cat to the war in Iraq, politics to movies, the wealthy of Los Angeles' West Side to the destitute of its Skid Row.

"His poetry was Scott," Griffin said Wednesday. "He was a unique, one-of-a-kind human being who, as they say, they broke the mold when they made such a character as him."

As two of the founding members of the experimental poetry group the Carma Bums, Wannberg and Griffin made nearly a dozen tours of North America over 20 years, giving readings in cities from the Southwest to Canada. Their last trip was in 2009.

For most of those journeys, the group piled into a vintage 1959 Cadillac they named Farther, a nod to author Ken Kesey's Merry Prankster bus, Further.

As the years and the tours rolled by, Wannberg picked up an eclectic variety of admirers, including not only fellow poets but prominent novelists and actors. The author T.C. Boyle, in a 2008 essay in the Los Angeles Times, called him "one of the true literary zealots of our time."

Boyle, recalling their first meeting in a Los Angeles bookstore in 1985, said that within minutes of that introduction, "Scott was piling my arms high with books I absolutely just had to read. He had a sixth sense, knowing exactly what I wanted and needed."

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT Generoso Huertas

February 13, 1966 – August 19, 2011



This is to inform all relatives and friends that Mr. Generoso Huertas, the husband of Mrs. Angelina Y. Huertas was called to his eternal rest on Friday, August 19, 2011 at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Service is offered daily at the Cornerstone Christian Church in As Perdido, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Funeral Services will be held at the Cornerstone Christian Church on Saturday, August 27 at 8:30a.m., followed by the final viewing at 9:30 a.m. Internment service will take place at the Tanapag Cemetery at 11:30 a.m.

For inquiries, please call Cornerstone Christian Church at 235-8590

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Your prayers and thoughts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you and Dangkulo Na Si Yuus Ma'ase

The Family of Bernie Benavente Helstrom



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February 21, 1925 – August 1, 2011

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Proverbs 9:10

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Brother:	John Lon Berkey

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sisters in Christ***

**You are cordially invited
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Saturday, 2:00pm at the
Marianas Baptist Church**

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

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Winehouse album becomes century's bestseller

LONDON (AP)—Amy Winehouse is still hitting music milestones after her untimely death last month.

Britain's Official Charts Company says Winehouse's Grammy-award winning "Back to Black" has become the best-selling album in the U.K. in the 21st century.

The company, which tracks music sales in the U.K., said Wednesday that "Back to Black" overtook James Blunt's 2005 debut album to claim the



Winehouse

title this week.

Winehouse's second album had jumped to the No. 1 spot on the charts shortly after the soul singer was found dead in her London town house on July 23. An initial post-mortem failed to determine cause of death, and Winehouse's family said Tuesday that toxicology tests showed she had no illegal drugs in her system when she died.

An inquest into Winehouse's death begins in October.

Ashton Kutcher teases Letterman about fatwa

NEW YORK (AP)—Like David Letterman, Ashton Kutcher isn't afraid of a little fatwa humor.

Kutcher taped an appearance for Letterman's talk show Wednesday, and the actor came on stage wearing a helmet and a bulletproof vest printed with the phrase, "Not Dave."

Last week, a contributor to a jihadist website posted a threat of violence against Letterman because the comedian had made fun of al-Qaida leaders on a previous show. Letterman, back from vacation Monday, played the threat for monologue laughs.

During Wednesday's taping,

Letterman asked Kutcher if his bowtie was bullet-proof. The actor replied that "you can't be too careful" sitting next to a guy facing a threat.

Kutcher joined CBS' "Two and a Half Men" after Charlie Sheen was fired. He and Letterman predicted success for the revamped sitcom.

Paris Hilton's ex takes DUI plea deal in Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Paris Hilton's ex-boyfriend was fined \$585 and ordered Wednesday to stay out of trouble as he settled drug charges stemming from a Las Vegas Strip traffic stop with the celebrity socialite last year.

Cy Waits, 35, was sentenced after pleading no contest to misdemeanor driving under the influence of drugs. Felony and misdemeanor drug charges were dropped.

Las Vegas Justice of the Peace Bill Kephart ordered Waits to attend DUI and "victim impact" classes, gave him a 30-day suspended jail sentence, and warned him not to make the same mistake twice.

"If you are arrested for another DUI during the pendency of this case, I don't care if it's alcohol or drugs, you will do six months in the Clark County jail," the judge said. He set a Nov. 23 date to review Waits' case.

Waits emerged from the courtroom with his lawyer, Richard Schonfeld, and said he was glad to have the case behind him.

The former Las Vegas night-club manager declined to talk about his relationship with Hilton, calling it a "chapter in my life that's closed."

Waits was arrested Aug. 27, 2010, after a Las Vegas police officer reported a "vapor trail" of marijuana smoke wafting from a black Cadillac Escalade with Waits at the wheel.

Glenn Beck hosts rally in Old City of Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP)—Former Fox TV personality Glenn Beck capped a contentious visit to Israel Wednesday by hosting a rally next to a hotly disputed holy site in Jerusalem's Old City.

Hundreds of supporters, including Israeli politicians, were on hand to hear the commentator in the final leg of his "Restoring Courage" tour of the Holy Land. A small group of protesters held banners saying "Glenn Beck, go home."

Beck's unabashedly pro-Israel, anti-Muslim rhetoric has endeared him to some on Israel's far-right. But religious figures and left-wing politicians have come together in an unusual alliance appealing to Israelis to shun his embrace.

Religious Jews are worried he is here to spread the Christian gospel, while dovish Israelis reject Beck's support for West Bank Jewish settlements and his criticism of peace efforts.

Wednesday's rally was held next to the compound known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary.

Hot car and frozen chicken are a dangerous combination

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My husband purchased a bag of individually wrapped frozen chicken breasts during his lunch break. After work, we took our kids to a concert and didn't return home until 8 p.m. The bag of chicken was in his trunk for seven hours on a hot summer day.

My husband thought it was OK to refreeze the meat and feed this to our kids, ages 6 and 2. I adamantly disagreed. What are your thoughts? We've had this argument before.

NO WAY! IN SAN JOSE

DEAR NO WAY!: Your husband is SERIOUSLY off base. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, "cold food"—such as chicken, fish, raw meat—should be purchased just before leaving the market and the shopper should plan to drive directly home. Always refrigerate perishable food within two hours, and when the temperature is above 90 degrees Fahrenheit, it should be refrigerated within one hour! Food left in the car for the length of time your husband did is no longer fit for human consumption and could have made your children seriously ill.

Readers, for the answers to food safety questions, the USDA can be contacted on the Internet at AskKaren.gov. Submit a question there and it will be answered. The USDA also has a Meat and Poultry Hotline, (888) 674-6854, which is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband and I divorced seven years ago. He has remarried, and I also recently married again. He is still bitter toward me. His emotional abuse was partly to blame for our split, although I was not entirely without fault. I made mistakes, too, which I regret.

Two of my children hold me responsible for the divorce and continually throw my mistakes back in my face. I walk on eggshells around them. I have apologized repeatedly and asked their forgiveness. I'm afraid of losing contact with my grandchildren every time one of my kids becomes upset about the past.

I have been to counseling, but was told I just have to be happy with me. Is there a way my children can finally forgive me for the past? I'm not a bad person, just a flawed one.

HUMAN IN ONTARIO, CANADA

DEAR HUMAN: We're all flawed, including your children. If they are determined that blame for the divorce falls solely on you, while absolving your emotionally abusive husband, nothing you or I can do will change their minds.

You have paid your therapist good money for the sensible advice you received, so please heed it. The longer you continue to walk on eggshells and tolerate the treatment you are receiving, the longer it will continue. Concentrate on your own life, and far more happiness will result than what you're experiencing now.

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DEAR ABBY: Many letters you print come from women who seem shocked because they've ended up with men who have little or no character. However, I have never dated a man who could hide his true colors longer than six months.

You often advise these women to seek counseling or an attorney, but for the millions of women who haven't yet made these mistakes, how about a shout-out for prevention? Amazingly, not getting legally attached and not allowing yourself to become pregnant by a man you've known only a few weeks isn't considered common sense anymore.

The heart is ungovernable, but people do have absolute control over using birth control and getting married. What percentage of women's problems do you think could be avoided if, for the first year of dating someone, they used birth control 100 percent of the time and didn't rush to get married?

PERPLEXED IN PEORIA

DEAR PERPLEXED: I'd say about 50 percent—but I may be underestimating by a long shot.

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Don't Be Afraid Of The Dark

Friday 4:30 7:30 9:40
Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 9:40
Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
Mon thru Thurs 4:30 7:30

Guy Pearce, Katie Holmes

Horror • Rated R

Synopsis

A young girl inadvertently unleashes a race of ancient monsters while exploring her father's 19th century mansion in this horror remake written by Guillermo del Toro and Matthew Robbins, and directed by newcomer Troy Nixey. Introverted Sally Hurst (Bailee Madison) has just moved in with her father, Alex (Guy Pearce), and his girlfriend, Kim (Katie Holmes), when she realizes that their sprawling estate holds its fair share of secrets.



Conan The Barbarian

Friday 4:10 7:10 9:45
Saturday 1:10 4:10 7:10 9:45
Sunday 1:10 4:10 7:10
Mon thru Thurs 4:10 7:10

Jason Momoa, Rachel Nichols

Action Fantasy • Rated R

Synopsis

When a powerful force of supernatural evil threatens to destroy Hyboria, legendary Cimmerian warrior Conan (Jason Momoa) raises his sword against mythical monsters and treacherous enemies. Ron Perlman, Rose McGowan, Stephen Lang, and Rachel Nichols co-star in a sweeping fantasy adventure based on the character created by Robert E. Howard, and directed by Marcus Nispel (The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, Friday the 13th).



Spy Kids: All The Time In The World

Friday 4:00 7:00 9:30
Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30
Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Mon thru Thurs 4:00 7:00

Jessica Alba, Joel McHale

Spy film, Adventure • Rated PG

Fright Night

Friday 4:25 7:25 9:55
Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:55
Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25
Mon thru Thurs 4:25 7:25

Collin Farrell, Anthon Yelchin

Horror • Rated R



Final Destination 5

Friday 4:15 7:15 9:50
Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:50
Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15
Mon thru Thurs 4:15 7:15

Nicholas D'Agosto, Emma Bell

Horror • Rated R

Rise of the Planet of the Apes

Friday 4:20 7:20 10:00
Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 10:00
Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20
Mon thru Thurs 4:20 7:20

James Franco, Freida Pinto

Science fiction • Rated PG 13



The Smurfs

Friday 4:05
Saturday 1:05 4:05
Sunday 1:05 4:05
Mon thru Thurs 4:05

Hank Azaria, George Lopez

Children's family, Comedy • Rated PG

30 Minutes or Less

Friday 7:05 9:35
Saturday 7:05 9:35
Sunday 7:05
Mon thru Thurs 7:05

Jesse Eisenberg, Danny McBride

Comedy • Rated R

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes



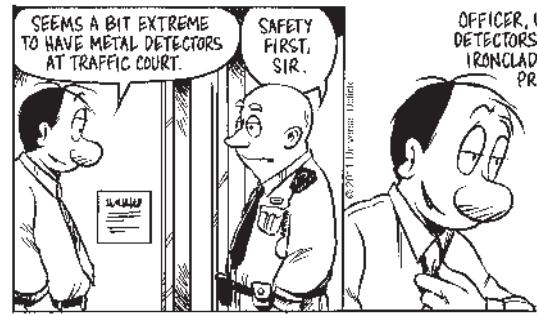
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Garfield®



By Jim Davis

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The Duplex

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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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31	Citric	66	66	49 "— was	
quaff	67	67	67	50 "— was	
32	Not	68	68	51 "— was	
concrete	69	69	69	52 "— was	

Solution time: 25 mins.



Yesterday's answer 8-26

STUMPED?

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Keke Palmer, 18; Macaulay Culkin, 31; Chris Pine, 31; Melissa McCarthy, 41.

Happy Birthday: Offering to help others will bring you high returns this year. Do your best to spread your ideas and to be proactive. Love is highlighted, and spending time nurturing your relationships with your friends, a lover or your family will pay off. A change of scenery will do you good, but don't make an impulsive move. Well-designed plans will lead to greater prosperity. Your numbers are 5, 14, 18, 26, 28, 35, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Plan to socialize with friends or colleagues. Problems at home will escalate if you don't include family in your plans or if you try to make personal changes related to your living arrangements. Don't limit what you can do because someone gives you a hard time. ☀☀☀☀

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Let your emotions lead the way. It will help you get past a festering problem. Once you share your thoughts and your desires, you will be able to move forward. Love and romance are highlighted, and personal changes can be made that will alter your future. ☀☀

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Invest in a financial gain is apparent due to a settlement, reimbursement, winning or rebate. Consider what you have to offer and how you can turn that asset into a moneymaking endeavor. ☀☀☀☀

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look at your situation honestly. You stand to

benefit if you are true to yourself and refuse to let anyone take advantage of you. Love is highlighted if you are open to someone making an advance. ☀☀☀

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look at the practical aspects of a situation that can affect your professional or personal future. Knowing what you want so that you can act quickly will be half the battle. Don't limit your chance to get ahead because you fear how someone will respond to your decision. ☀☀☀

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Helping others will make you feel good and bring surprising rewards. Offering what you can in a practical way will make an impression on someone special. Romance is highlighted. ☀☀☀☀

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Before you become upset over nothing, give change a chance. There are profits to be made if you lend a helping hand or get involved in a project that promises growth and a better future. Love and romance are featured late in the day. ☀☀

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Less talk and more action will bring better results. A partnership with someone special has far more to offer than you realize. Don't be too proud to accept help or suggestions. You can take control and still be gracious. ☀☀☀☀

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Good ideas will bring unexpected profits that will allow you to make changes to your home and family. Don't let a past partner cost you emotionally or financially. Stick to the truth and take care of any loose ends that

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could be used against you. ☀☀☀☀

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your practical and subtle way of dealing with money matters will enable you to get ahead. Settlements and contracts should be put to rest. Don't be afraid to apply a little pressure if necessary. ☀☀☀

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Rely on your knowledge and experience to help you when dealing with others. You can develop a good working relationship with someone as long as you don't take on or promise too much. Handle people the way you want to be treated and you will be successful. ☀☀☀

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep everything out in the open and you will be successful. Once you have everyone on the same page, you can include your own needs and finish what you start. An unusual connection will motivate you. ☀☀☀

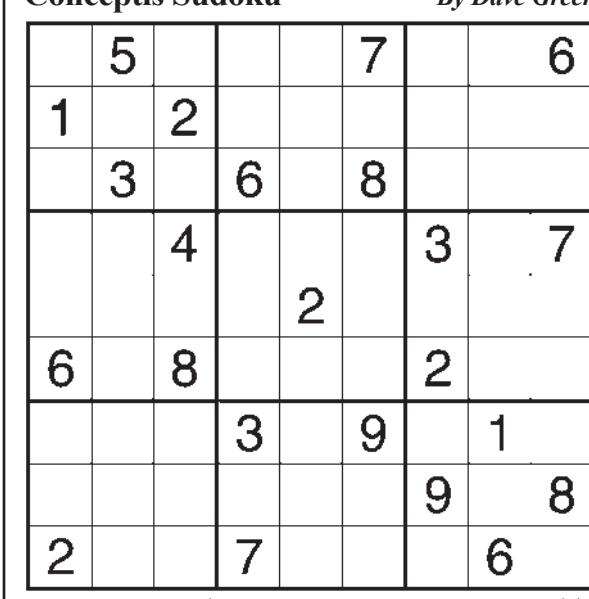
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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

5	4	3	7	2	1	9	6	8
6	2	8	3	4	9	1	5	7
1	9	7	6	5	8	4	3	2
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7	1	5	2	6	4	3	8	9
4	6	9	8	3	7	2	1	5
3	8	1	5	9	2	7	4	6
9	5	4	1	7	6	8	2	3
2	7	6	4	8	3	5	9	1

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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WONDERWORD®
By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

PHOTO-OOPS

C	M	F	M	A	G	Z	I	N	E	V	E	N	T
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• 5-Liner with picture	\$36
	\$57

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Ads must be submitted before 12 noon 2 days prior to publication date

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Job Vacancy Announcement

Job Vacancy No. 11-048

Opening Date: Wednesday 8/10/11

Closing Date: Until Filled

CONTRACTING OFFICER

DUTIES: Under the direct supervision of the Chief Financial Officer OR his/her designee, the incumbent's duties and responsibilities are as follows. Organizes and leads teams for small to large and complex procurements, including determining the proper procurement format; digesting technical requirements to assemble IFB or RFP solicitations; and drafting contracts. Reviews and prepares a wide variety of technical documents and reports such as construction schedules, impact statements, budgets, disputed accounts, project reports and monthly status reports for contracts. Collects and monitors a wide variety of data to be used in monitoring and reporting. Performs research and conducts studies related to departmental operations to include collecting and gathering data, analyzing data and making recommendations. Serves as a liaison between assigned department and other departments and organizations. Performs special projects related to departmental operations. Gathers and organizes responses and documents for bid protests and appeals. Participates in developing and implementing policies and procedures related to procurement processes and departmental operations. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, or a related field and four years of related experience or one year of contracting experience for a federal agency with any qualification below level three warranted contracting officer "OR" Law Degree and two years of related experience or contracting experience for a federal agency as a level three warranted contracting officer. **Knowledge of:** Applicable laws, rules and regulations, including the FAR and CNMI/CUC Procurement Regulations; Contract administration principles; Basic budgetary principles; Research methods. **Skill in:** Analyzing data; Conducting studies; Conducting research; Preparing technical reports; Preparing presentations; Drafting policies and procedures; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. **Licensing or Certification Required:** None required, but a license of a state bar and/or certificate as a federal contracting warranted officer is preferred. SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING.

LOCATION: Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA

POSITION: One

SALARY: \$47,939 to \$67,115 per annum; Un-graded; Un-classified. Plus relocation costs if hired from outside the Northern Mariana Islands that may be negotiated.

CONTRACT: Two-year.

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Job Vacancy Announcement

Opening Date: August 9, 2011 **Closing Date:** Until Filled

OPERATOR At Power Generation: JVA No. 11-033
MECHANIC At Power Generation: JVA No. 11-034
ELECTRICIAN At Power Generation: JVA No. 11-035
ELECTRICIAN At Water and Wastewater: JVA No. 11-036

SENIOR SPECIALIST

DUTIES: Under the overall supervision of the division manager or his/her designee, the incumbent's duties and responsibilities are as follows. May serve as a crew leader to include assigning, and monitoring work and providing technical direction. Prepares training information and materials for an assigned technical training program for trades staff. Performs journey level operations, installations and/or repairs in service area assigned. Inspects equipment and determines if any repairs are needed. Performs preventative maintenance in service area assigned. Maintains level of supplies and equipment. Operates the control room by monitoring fuel consumption and synchronizing feeders. Serves as an auxiliary operator by monitoring lubrication oil, fuel, water and air temperatures and taking readings; Takes readings to ensure temperatures, pressure and tank levels are in normal range; Starts engines; Monitors loads on feeders and generators; Takes midnight readings; Incinerates waste oil; Performs startup operations; Performs minor and major repairs and overhauls on equipment; Reconditions equipment; Fabricates parts; Calibrates equipment, instruments and performs adjustments; Performs adjustments; Fabricates parts; Calibrates equipment, instruments and performs adjustments; Performs adjustments; SCADA system maintenance; Maintains a clean and orderly workplace. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level. SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING.

LOCATION: SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

POSITIONS: Minimum of two positions per JVA.

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

SALARY: \$30,000 to \$45,000 per annum; un-classified; un-graded. Plus relocation costs to Saipan is negotiable if hired from outside the Northern Mariana Islands.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: High School Diploma, or G.E.D., and three years of journey-level experience at the level of a Trades Technician, or comparable level experience related to the area assigned. Completion of an apprenticeship program or vocational school program or having a recognized license in the field of work is preferred. Knowledge of: Principles and procedures of service area assigned; Inspection and troubleshooting principles; Preventative maintenance principles; Inventory control principles; Basic mathematics. Skill in: Mentoring and teaching staff. Monitoring and assigning work to staff; Preparing cost and materials estimates; Performing preventative maintenance; Performing journey level maintenance and installations in service area; Performing site inspections and recognizing problem areas; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a valid U.S. driver's license and be able to get a CNMI driver's license upon hire. APPLICANTS MAY BE TESTED.

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Job Vacancy Announcements

Opening Date: 8/9/11 **Closing Date:** Until Filled

JVA No. 11-039 for Power Generation Division
JVA No. 11-040 for Power Division (Transmission and Distribution)
JVA No. 11-041 for Water Division
JVA No. 11-042 for Wastewater Division

TRADES ASSISTANT

DUTIES: Under the overall supervision of the division manager or his/her designee, the incumbent's duties and responsibilities are as follows. Assists with installations, repairs and general maintenance in service area assigned. Performs preventative maintenance on equipment in service area assigned. Assists with various construction related duties in service area assigned. Prepares job site for work including gathering and setting up materials and supplies. Cleans up, gathers and puts away equipment, materials and supplies for activities/projects. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level. SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, or G.E.D. Knowledge of: Basic preventative maintenance principles; Basic mathematics. Skill in: Performing preventative maintenance; Performing basic maintenance; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. APPLICANTS MAY BE TESTED.

LOCATION: Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

POSITIONS: At least one per JVA.

SALARY: \$11,036.00 per annum.

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(This ad is paid for by NMHC.)

OPENING DATE: AUGUST 5, 2011 * CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 TIME: 4:30 PM

Salary range is Grade Level 26, Step 01 at \$18,584. to Step 05, \$22,576.

"LOAN SPECIALIST I"

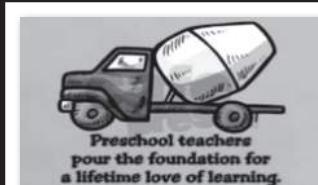
Detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be picked up, together with NMHC's employment application form, during regular working hours at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan during regular working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Jocelyn S. Kaipat, Office Manager at (670) 234-9447/7689 or by email to jskaipat@nmhcgov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/ Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director



...SO if you think you have what it takes, we NEED U !

Candidates should possess the following qualifications:

- Degree in Education or any such related field
- Fluent in English Language
- With a minimum 1 – 2 years teaching experience in Saipan or overseas.
- Phonics teaching experience is an advantage
- A team player with the ability to support key learning objectives.
- must be fond of children
- must be patient
- must have high energy

ONLY ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES PLEASE CALL CANDY AT 287-6532

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST,	Civil Action No.
Plaintiff,	06-0329-CV
vs.	
DEWAYNE I. SABLAN and KATHERINE B. VILLANUEVA,	NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 12th day of November, 2010, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 16th day of September, 2011 at 10 a.m., at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 011 G 915, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 18, the original of which was recorded on December 9, 1993 as Document No. 93-4286 as the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Lot No. 011 G 915, containing an area of 902 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey's Plat No. 011 G 19 dated December 3, 1993 and recorded on December 9, 1993 as File No. 93-4287 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office.

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/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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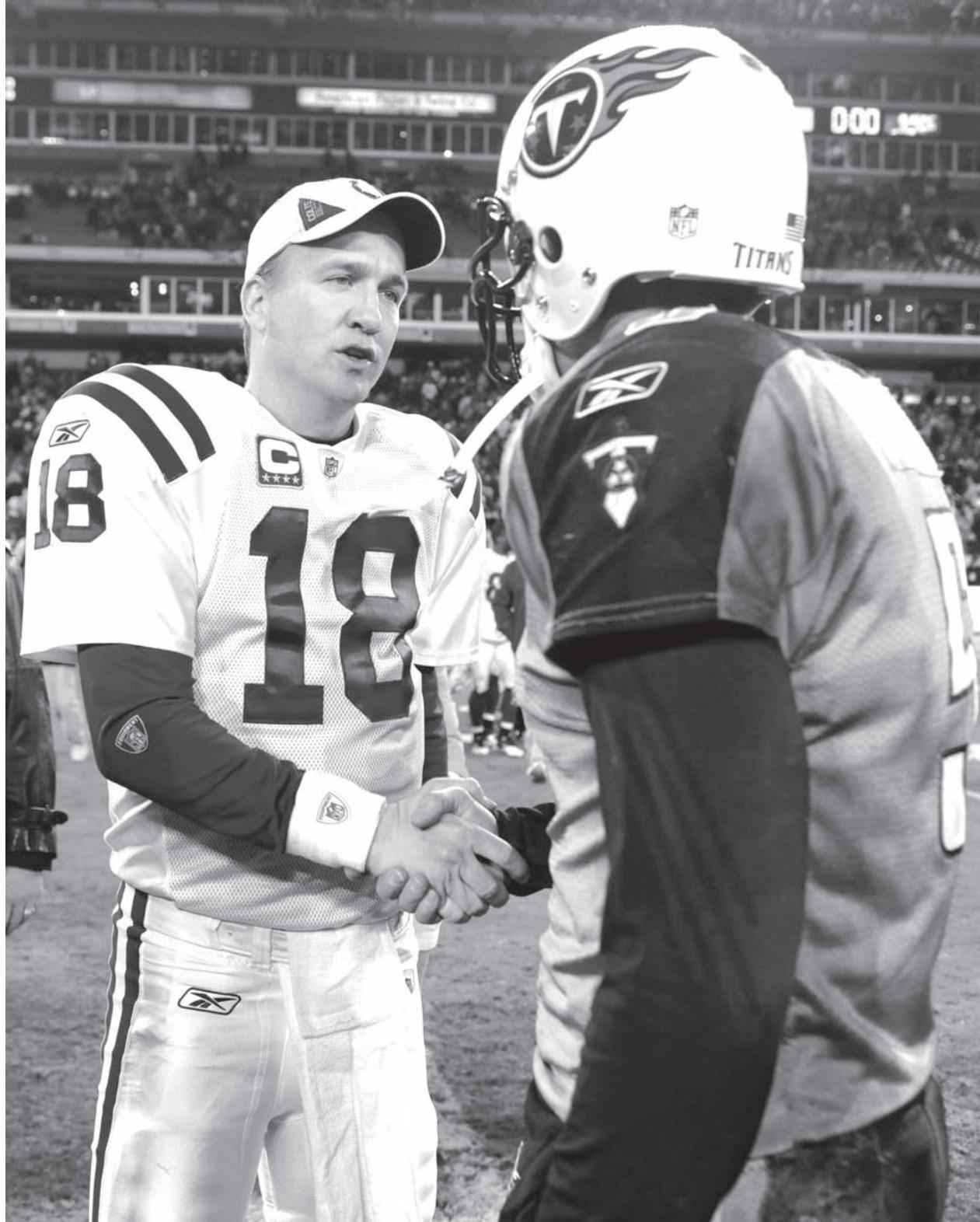
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Colts agree to terms with QB Kerry Collins



This Dec. 9, 2010, file photo shows Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning (18) shaking hands with Tennessee Titans quarterback Kerry Collins after the Colts beat the Titans 30-28 in an NFL football game, in Nashville, Tenn.



INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—The Indianapolis Colts are bringing one veteran quarterback out of retirement.

No, not Brett Favre.

The Colts agreed to terms Wednesday with Kerry Collins, making him the likely starter in case Peyton Manning hasn't completely recovered from offseason neck surgery when the season opens Sept. 11.

Collins said he has been given no indication that Manning won't play at Houston.

"Hopefully, Peyton will be back, but if he's not maybe I can be one of the guys that can help this ball club," Collins said in a conference call with reporters Wednesday night. "The biggest draw for me coming here was just being with a team that I have a lot of respect for and a lot of history with, and really to be with a great team and play with one of greatest quarterbacks of all time."

Collins agreed to a one-year contract and acknowledged he could be talked into staying longer than 2011.

Not everyone in the Colts locker room is enamored with the move.

"We don't even know him, we ain't vanilla, man, we ain't no simple offense," receiver Reggie Wayne said. "So for him to come in here and be the starter, I don't

see it. I think that's a step back."

Colts coach Jim Caldwell wasn't available to talk with reporters about Collins, a player he coached at Penn State, because the official announcement didn't come until after practice. Caldwell spoke with reporters before practice. But he struck a calm tone in a statement released by the team.

"He is a veteran quarterback who has started many games and he brings dimension and depth to the quarterback position, which will be helpful," Caldwell said. "He is familiar with our division and will make a great addition to our roster."

The move is another indication that Manning's streak of 227 consecutive starts, including playoff games, is in serious jeopardy for the first time since 2008.

Manning had surgery May 23 to repair a nerve in his neck, and the recovery has gone slower than expected partially, Manning said, because he couldn't work out with team trainers during the 4 1/2-month lockout.

On Saturday morning, Colts owner

Jim Irsay wrote on Twitter that the Colts should be prepared to play without Manning in the opener against the division-rival Texans. Later that day, Manning acknowledged he did not expect to play in the final two preseason

games and that he would need the next two weeks just to get healthy.

Collins said the first call from Indy came Saturday, too.

Caldwell hasn't said when he expects Manning to return to the field after signing a five-year, \$90 million contract to stay in Indy last month.

"I think he laid out pretty well where he is, and that he is working extremely hard to try and get back as quickly as he possibly can," Caldwell said Monday. "He's going to work hard at trying to get back and get ready, and he's doing everything he can to do so."

And if he's not ready? Well, there's Collins, who has played in 195 career games with Tennessee, New Orleans, the New York Giants, Oakland and Carolina before retiring in July.

Collins has a career 55.8 completion percentage and has thrown for 40,441 yards, 206 touchdowns and 195 interceptions. As the starter, Collins has led his team to the playoffs four times, including a Super Bowl appearance with the Giants in the 2000 season.

Wayne, a five-time Pro Bowl player and one of Manning's favorite targets, has supported backup Curtis Painter. And while he called Collins "a great guy," he said he was worried about the Colts getting better.

"Who says Kerry's going to be the starter?" Wayne said. "Just because we bring him in doesn't mean he's the starter. He's got to learn too, right? Unless they gave him a playbook months ago, he's got to learn to."

"I don't care who you are, I mean I'm not going to let anyone just come in here and just push someone (like Painter) aside like you're that dog now, you know what I mean?" Wayne added.

Painter has started both preseason games this year, completing 8-of-16 passes for 95 yards with no touchdowns and one interception. In Friday night's 16-3 loss to Washington, Painter managed only one first down and couldn't get the offense past its 29 despite playing the entire first half.

He hasn't played in a regular season game since 2009. Another back-

up, Dan Orlovsky, has played in 13 games in six NFL seasons, and the other quarterback on the roster is undrafted rookie Mike Hartline.

For his part, Painter doesn't expect it to take Collins long to get up to speed.

"He's a veteran guy, been around a while, I'm sure the terminology across the league isn't too different," Painter said. "I expect he'll come in and pick it up quite well."

Collins didn't waste any time getting started, either.

"It's going to be like learning a foreign language," he said. "The concepts will be the same, but the terms will be completely different and that's why I need to bust my tail and get in the classroom so I can get out there and operate the offense sooner rather than later, hopefully."

Before meeting, union shows members what NBA wants



NEW YORK (AP)—Negotiators for NBA owners and players will likely meet again next week. And the league will have to offer something different to interest the players.

The union has been holding regional meetings, informing its members just how harsh it believes the owners' proposal is for a new collective bargaining agreement. The league is seeking significant changes to the salary structure as a way to eliminate its losses, which it says totaled \$300 million last season.

Players have balked at the demands, and players' association vice president Maurice Evans of Washington said Wednesday that when players are shown what the league wants, they are unified in their stance.

"When we're able to explain exactly what David Stern is asking for, it becomes so clear and evident that we cannot take this deal, and guys would be willing to not participate, to not play, if that's the offer to us," Evans told The Associated Press in a phone interview from Chicago, where the union was set to hold another meeting Thursday.

After that, Evans said the players hope to have a bargaining session with the league's negotiators next week, but that a specific day hadn't been locked down yet.

There has been only session that included leadership from both sides since the league locked out the players on July 1 after the expiration of the old CBA. Stern said during a podcast with ESPN.com earlier this month that progress needed to be made by the end of Labor Day weekend or "we may be headed to a bad place."

Evans said one of reasons for the regional meetings is to refute some of the things the commissioner said during that lengthy interview, which he called "very misleading." More than 100 players have attended the three gatherings, in Los Angeles and Las Vegas last week before New York on Wednesday. Evans added they hope to schedule more in Houston and Atlanta.

Stern blamed the players for an unwillingness to seriously bargain after a meeting on Aug. 1 and accused them of backing out of another meeting. Evans believes Stern has been more aggressive

in his tone because the numbers don't support the position the league says it is in after a successful 2010-11 season on and off the court.

"He has to go to extremes to try to prove his case and normally he doesn't negotiate through the media," Evans said.

The league has backed off its demand for non-guaranteed contracts in a new CBA, but still wants salaries cut by more than a third among other changes. The league has proposed a flexible salary cap that the players contend is really a hard cap, which would replace the current system that allows teams to exceed the cap through the use of various exceptions. Evans called the elimination of the exceptions a "total slap in the face to Michael Jordan and all the great players that came before us."

Both sides have filed charges against the other with the National Labor Relations Board, and the league also filed a lawsuit seeking to block the union from decertifying—which it hasn't indicated publicly it's considering at this time.

After a flurry of meetings in June before the deadline, the sides have felt they had little to talk about since. Owners quickly shot down the players' final proposal, saying it would have significantly raised salaries in the sixth year of the deal, and the union has been hoping for another offer from the league that hasn't and may not come.

"We just want something that's fair," Evans said. "We don't feel like their proposals have been in good faith at all. That's why we filed the suit with the NLRB."

Despite the differences, there's still time to make a deal without losing any of the season. During the 1998-99 work stoppage that reduced the season to 50 games, the league didn't cancel the start of training camps in early October until Sept. 24. Camps are scheduled to open Oct. 1 this season, with the regular season set to begin on Nov. 1.

But with no progress made since the lockout began, Evans seems to agree with Stern that something has to happen quickly.

"If a deal's to be made," he said, "it's going to have to be very soon."

Red Sox back on top, crush Rangers, 13-2



ARLINGTON, Texas
(AP)—The

Boston Red Sox returned to the top of the American League East standings in emphatic style Wednesday by crushing the West division-leading Texas Rangers 13-2.

David Ortiz had an RBI single on the first pitch he saw in 10 days and scored twice in his return from bursitis in his right heel.

Carl Crawford, Jacoby Ellsbury and Adrian Gonzalez hit two-run homers in consecutive innings for the Red Sox. Crawford matched a career high with his five RBIs.

Boston starter Josh Beckett (11-5) allowed one run over six innings.

Rays 3, Tigers 2, 10 innings

In St. Petersburg, Elliot Johnson got the game-ending hit on a fielder's choice in the 10th inning, giving Tampa Bay victory over Detroit.

Evan Longoria opened the 10th with an infield single off Rangers reliever Duane Below (0-2), but was forced out at second on Ben Zobrist's grounder. After a second out, Casey Kotchman was hit by a pitch and Sean Rodriguez walked to load the bases.

Johnson then hit a grounder to third baseman Brandon Inge, who elected to throw to second

rather than home, but second baseman Ramon Santiago was late getting to the bag.

Athletics 6, Yankees 4

In New York, Coco Crisp homered twice and drove in five runs, including a three-run homer in the 10th inning that lifted Oakland over New York.

Crisp and No. 9 batter Scott Sizemore both went 4 for 4. Sizemore got the tying double off C.C. Sabathia in the eighth as the Athletics claimed a series win at Yankee Stadium, ending a woeful run of 10 consecutive series defeats by the pinstripes.

Angels 8, White Sox 0

In Anaheim, Jered Weaver pitched seven scoreless innings in his first start since signing an \$85 million contract extension, directing Los Angeles win over Chicago.

Erick Aybar drove in three runs, Torii Hunter homered and Jeff Mathis had a two-run double for the Angels, who have won six straight to move within 2-1/2 games of Texas as the AL West rivals prepared for a weekend series at Rangers Ballpark.

Blue Jays 4, Royals 3

In Toronto, Brett Lawrie hit a tie-breaking home run in the seventh inning and Toronto held on to edge Kansas City.

Lawrie broke a 3-3 tie with a leadoff blast over left field. The rookie third baseman also hit an

RBI triple in the fourth.

Toronto's Jose Bautista added his major league-leading 37th homer of the season.

Mariners 9, Indians 2

In Cleveland, Felix Hernandez struck out 10 batters to steer Seattle past Cleveland.

Hernandez (12-11) allowed two runs in six innings as the last-place Mariners took three of four from the fading-fast Indians. Cleveland dropped below .500 for the first time since April 3, and is 6-1/2 games behind AL Central-leading Detroit.

Wily Mo Pena hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning and his two-run double in the fifth knocked out Indians starter Josh Tomlin (12-7), who didn't get through the fifth for the first time in 37 career starts.

Orioles 6, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Mark Reynolds homered to start a five-run fifth inning that powered Detroit past Minnesota.

In his first start in 11 days, Jeremy Guthrie (6-16) pitched seven strong innings despite shoulder soreness, striking out five.

Baltimore won a third straight for the first time since early June 6-10.

Mets 7, Phillies 4

In Philadelphia, the New York Mets snapped a five-game losing skid and avoided a series sweep

with a win over the National League-leading Philadelphia Phillies.

New York starter Mike Pelfrey (7-10) allowed three in six innings, while Nick Evans and David Wright both homered for the Mets.

Pirates 2, Brewers 0

In Pittsburgh, Jason Grilli won his first game in nearly two years as Pittsburgh shut down Milwaukee.

Pirates starter Aaron Thompson pitched 4 1-3 innings scoreless in his major league debut, and Grilli (1-0) followed with 2 2-3 innings.

Cubs 3, Braves 2

In Chicago, the hosts ended Atlanta's six-game winning streak, costing the Braves a chance to make up ground on Philadelphia.

Alfonso Soriano's two-run homer fueled Chicago's three-run rally in the second inning. He also walked and was hit by a pitch. Aramis Ramirez added a single and two walks, extending his hitting streak to 13 games.

Diamondbacks 4, Nationals 2

In Washington, Arizona's Daniel Hudson fell one out short of his first career shutout, steering the Diamondbacks past Washington.

Hudson (13-9) allowed struck out six, walked none, had a run of 13 consecutive batters retired

and threw 102 pitches. He had the Nationals blanked through 8 2-3 innings before giving up back-to-back homers.

Giants 2, Padres 1

In San Francisco, Carlos Beltran hit his first home run since being traded to San Francisco, helping the Giants edge San Diego.

Beltran, who had been out with a wrist injury, returned to the starting lineup and homered off Tim Stauffer (8-10) in the fourth inning for his first ever long shot at AT&T Park.

Giants sarter Tim Lincecum (12-10) struck out seven in eight innings. He gave up one run, and also hit the go-ahead RBI single.

Dodgers 9, Cardinals 4

In St. Louis, Los Angeles completed its first road series sweep of the season, downing St. Louis.

Juan Rivera homered and drove in three runs for the Dodgers, who notched their first three-game sweep in St. Louis since 1993.

Los Angeles starter Hiroki Kuroda (10-14) worked seven solid innings, allowing three runs and a walk.

Marlins 6, Reds 5, 1st game Reds 3, Marlins 2, 2nd game

In Miami, Omar Infante hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning

to edge Florida past Cincinnati in the first game of a double header which was prompted by the imminent threat of a hurricane.

It was decided to move Friday's scheduled game forward due to the expected arrival of Hurricane Irene in Florida.

Emilio Bonifacio tripled over the head of the center fielder with one out in the eighth off Jose Arredondo (3-4). Bonifacio's head-first slide beat the throw at third. Infante followed with a single to left scoring Bonifacio to give the Marlins a 4-3 lead. Greg Dobbs added a two-run double in the inning.

Logan Morrison and Jose Lopez homered for the Marlins, who snapped a six-game losing streak.

Rockies 7, Astros 6, 10 innings

In Denver, Troy Tulowitzki scored from third on a wild pitch in the bottom of the 10th inning to give Colorado victory over Houston and a three-game sweep.

Tulowitzki reached on a walk and went to third on Jonathan Herrera's single. After an intentional walk, Astros reliever Aneury Rodriguez (1-5) uncorked a wild pitch and Tulowitzki trotted home with the winning run.

Mark Ellis had four hits, and Tulowitzki and Carlos Gonzalez homered for the Rockies, who have won five straight for the first time since April.

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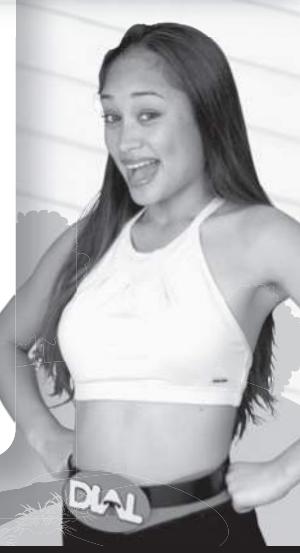


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U15 Rotary season opens tomorrow

The 20th Annual Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League's U15 division is holding its season opener tomorrow, Aug. 27, with a tripleheader from 11am to 3:30pm at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Seven teams make up the league and this year marks the first time the U15 girls national team will be competing with the boys. Four Rollers Basketball Club squads along with the Black Widows and Proa U15 make up the rest of the field.

The U15 girls are featured in the early tip against RBC's Angels at 11am. Then at 12:30pm the Black Widows square off against RBC's 670 Rollers, while RBC's Micronesian Breakers take on Proa U15 at pm.

Games will be played un-

der eight-minute quarters with running time. Time stops only for personal fouls and during the final two minutes of the fourth quarter.

For more information, contact league commissioner Abner Venus at 664-2599. (*Walter Cepeda Sutherland*)

Pacquiao 'obviously' doesn't want fight—Mayweather

BOXING
Floyd Mayweather Jr. claims that Manny Pacquiao will refuse his drug-testing demands because he has no interest in fighting him.

The last round of negotiations between the pair collapsed because Pacquiao refused to agree to Mayweather's request for Olympic-style sampling right up until the hours before the fight. Pacquiao claimed that having blood taken too close to entering the ring would sap too much of his strength, causing his performance to suffer.

But recently, the Pacquiao camp have given hints that the Filipino is willing to meet Mayweather's requirements, raising hopes that the much-anticipated super-fight, which will crown the planet's pound-for-pound king, could finally be on the cards. Pacquiao even went so far as to say: "I will fight Mayweather next year."



GETTY IMAGES

Manny Pacquiao has said he will fight Floyd Mayweather Jr. next year

However, Mayweather doubts whether Pacquiao is truly willing to play ball. "You've got to ask yourself this. I don't have anything against Manny Pacquiao. But is it Manny Pac-

quiao or Bob Arum [Pacquiao's promoter]?" Mayweather said to mlive.com.

"It is what it is. I'm not here to say nothing negative about Bob Arum. I'm not here to say

nothing negative about Manny Pacquiao. He do what he do, I do what I do. All I ask, as a gentleman, let us both take the test and let's fight. It's obvious [Pacquiao] don't want to do it." (*ESPN*)

Men's Island-Wide Fast-Pitch Softball to start in late October

SOFTBALL
The CNMI Softball Association is planning on opening its 2011 Men's Island-Wide Fast-Pitch Softball League on Oct. 31, 2011.

Eight teams are projected to

make up the league and rosters are limited to a maximum of 16 players per squad.

Unless otherwise informed, the deadline to submit entrance fees and team rosters is no later than Monday, Oct. 17. The entrance fee will be determined

based on the number of participating teams and will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

As the association is an active member of the International Softball Federation, this will be a competitive league played under ISF's Official Rules Of Softball.

A 5:30pm initial meeting for interested parties will be held at the Oleai Sports Complex pavilion adjacent to the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium on Sept. 6.

For more information, contact Juan Maratita at 256-7363. (*Walter Cepeda-Sutherland*)

REALISTIC

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races in last year's Micronesia Games, Dillay clocked in at 56.12 seconds and 2:11.56, respectively. He didn't compete in the 400m hurdles in the Micro Games in Palau.

Ogumoro, who was also a member of the CNMI Team that

went to Palau last year, will be participating in long and triple jump events in New Caledonia. He finished fourth in the long jump in the Micro Games with his 5.50 meters and fifth in triple jump (11.38m).

With the lack of on- and off-island competitions that could prepare them for the Pacific Games, NMA coaches decided to let the trio undergo weekly time trials

besides their regular training sessions for three months.

"The training goes all the way until competition but their workload is reduced. Intensity though is high during this period," Rangamar said

"Strength is a big improvement in all three but they still need a lot of work on techniques, coordination, and mental preparation. These skills require years of work

and repetition to be acquired. Just like team sports, running, jumping, and throwing are skills that take years to develop," the NMA coach answered when asked about the development of the three CNMI athletes since they started training in May.

Competition in medal-rich athletics will run from Sept. 3 to 10 at the Stade Numa Daly in Noumea.

MISTER

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in the team's bid in the Pacific Games next week.

"I have been lucky to play with Chris on several occasions throughout the years and looking back we've had a pretty good record together. We have been practicing and scrimmag-

ing three to five times a week for the past several months. Often, we will get four of us together and play a round-robin where everyone plays a game with a different partner each match," Mister said.

Speed, strength, skills are some of our strongest points. Chris is lightening fast," said Mister, who will be on his fourth Pacific Games appearance after compet-

ing in Guam in 1999, in Fiji in 2003, and in Samoa in 2007.

Mister teamed up with Mark McDonald in the 2007 Pacific Games in Apia and they lost to Tonga, Wallis & Futuna, and Guam. Tahiti took the gold after beating Fiji in three sets, 21-190, 18-21, 15-10.

Before going to New Caledonia, Mister and Nelson will have a stopover in Guam and

play against Guam spikers in a friendly match. The two CNMI bets will then travel to Brisbane, Australia and will also have a short scrimmage there before going to New Caledonia.

The beach volleyball competition in the Pacific Games will take place at the Terrain de Beach-Volley Koutio in Dumbéa and the CNMI will have its debut game against Palau on Sept. 5.

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20m backstroke, outracing So (18.66 seconds) and Chun Yuen (20.26 seconds). Completing the Top 5 were SSC's Michael

Villagomez (20.63 seconds) and Wai Ning Wong (21:00).

Patrick Reyes gave Tsunami Saipan the second win in the short distance races when he recorded the best time in the 20m butterfly at 14.70 seconds. He defeated teammates Min Seok

(18.59) and Heong Joo Yoo (18.71 seconds). Another Tsunami Saipan bet, Riyana Camacho (21.43 seconds), broke into the Top 5 with Hong Kong's (20.41 seconds).

The 20m races are side events in the weekend meet Tsunami

Saipan hosted.

A separate competition in the 40m swims took place with the Top 5 finishers in the preliminary races advancing to the A Finals and the sixth to 10th placers marching to the B Finals.

17 BOUTS

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boxing match at 120 lbs;

■ Zalaka's Jacob Ilo vs. Counter Shot's John Garcia in a K-1 match at 125 lbs;

■ Guam's Gianna "GiaBaby" Sarusal of Dededo Boxing Club-Lights Out Gym vs. Tara "The Tarantula" Namauleg in a 150-lb ladies boxing exhibition;

■ Trench Tech's Frank Muna vs. independent Irvin Saraluy in a K-1 match between 155 and 160 lbs;

■ Tinian's Regino Mundo of Zeng Zung vs. Guam's Justin "Dungka" Dizon of Guam Muay Thai in a K-1 match at 150 lbs; and

■ Trench Tech's Mark "The Dark" Nuique vs. Zalaka's Franklin Agulto in a boxing match at 155 lbs.

Trench Tech president Cuki Alvarez said fights are subject to change.

"ROP11: Onra is dedicated to all the heroes, civilians and soldiers who fight the real wars around the world and is a tribute to their sacrifices," he said.

Tickets are on sale now at BoarderLine, Hannam Market in San Antonio, The Trap, 670 Rocksteady Shop and at the Trench Tech Gym in San Antonio. General admission costs just \$20 and only \$25 for VIP seating.

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ing group is expected to arrive today after lunch and is invited to attend the training session of MP United's U10 and U12 players from 4pm to 6pm today at the Navy Hill pitch.

Then tomorrow, Miura and company will attend the Paire Football Club's jamboree at the Oleai Sports Complex Field from 9am to 12nn.

"Although this jamboree is for its members, Paire Football Club welcomes participation from other clubs. Please let us know who may want to participate in your club so we can inform PFC," Northern Mariana Islands Football Association general secretary Ed Salas said

in an email to *Saipan Tribune* and officials of local clubs.

After meeting MP United and Paire, the visitors will have a rest day on Sunday before proceeding with its youth clinic on

Monday, Aug. 29, also at the Oleai pitch. The clinic for U10 players will run from 4pm to 5pm, while U12 strikers will have their turn from 5pm to 6pm. Only the first 30 players in every age group to register will be allowed to attend the clinic. Each club is given five slots.

"Please make sure that once you register your U10 and U12 players, they will attend the clinic. Also, please let us know if your club can't fill the five slots so that we could give the vacant slots to the clubs that can," Salas said.

After the clinic, Miura will lead an All-Star selection in a game against the CNMI Men's National Team, starting at 6pm.

"This is a golden opportunity for NIMFA members to witness firsthand a famous Japanese national player participate in a friendly match with our team. We ask for your full support, please come out and watch the match," Salas added.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	79	50	.612	—
New York	77	50	.606	1
Tampa Bay	70	58	.547	8 1/2
Toronto	66	63	.512	13
Baltimore	50	77	.394	28

Central Division

Detroit	70	59	.543	—
Cleveland	63	64	.496	6
Chicago	63	65	.492	6 1/2
Minnesota	55	74	.426	15
Kansas City	53	77	.408	17 1/2

West Division

Texas	74	57	.565	—
Los Angeles	71	59	.546	2 1/2
Oakland	59	70	.457	14
Seattle	56	73	.434	17

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	83	45	.648	—
Atlanta	78	53	.595	6 1/2
Washington	62	66	.484	21
New York	61	68	.473	22 1/2
Florida	58	72	.446	26

Yesterday's Games

Pittsburgh 2, Milwaukee 0
N.Y. Mets 7, Philadelphia 4
L.A. Dodgers

Wild Bill's wallops Mellow Yellow in futsal league

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Goals were raining for Wild Bill's on Wednesday, as it whipped Mellow Yellow, 15-3, in the men's division game in the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League at the TSL Sports Complex.

The victory allowed Wild Bill's to create more distance between them and second-running Korean Futsal Team, as the former improved to an 8-1-0 win-loss-draw record over the latter's 6-2-1 mark.

Jeeraphong Thoensaket feasted on Mellow Yellow's defense or the lack of it, as the Wild Bill's striker exploded for seven goals, outscoring the entire crew of the opposing team. Jiayuan Guao also had a field day on offense for Wild Bill's with five goals, while Lar Wongpanya, Mai Tree, and Adul Detdon logged one apiece.

Allen Mijares, Yong Sin Lim, and Jun Lin scored one goal each for Mellow Yellow, which went down from sixth to seventh spot in the team standings with its 2-7-0 slate.



Wild Bill's Adul Detdon, seen here dribbling against Korean Futsal Team in the first round of the men's futsal league, scored in their 15-3 demolition of Mellow Yellow on Wednesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

IT&E 8, Thundercats 3

In the other men's game, IT&E also had an easy win, thumping the Thundercats, 8-3.

Jin Han Yoon led IT&E's third triumph in 10 games, as he hit four goals. Seoung Joon Lee, Kirk Schuler, Aji Thomas, and Ye Jun Chai added one apiece.

Only three players scored for the Thundercats, who have yet to enter the win column after

nine games.

WOMEN'S Shirley's A 7, Mellow Yellow 3

In the women's division, Shirley's notched its eighth win in nine matches after downing Mellow Yellow, 7-3.

Jeraldine Castillo and Irish Pagarao connected on three goals apiece, while Marilou

Gariguez recorded one to keep Shirley's A in the lead, one victory ahead of sister team Shirley's B.

Levita Cho scored all goals for Mellow Yellow, which fell to a 2-7-0 slate.

Red Team 6, IT&E Blossom 0

Red Team snapped its two-game losing skid after a 6-0 shutout

of IT&E Blossom in the other women's tiff.

Red Team now has a 4-5-0 record, moving up to fourth from sixth place behind Shirley's A (8-1-0) and B (7-2-0), and IT&E Awesome (6-2-1).

Zoe Jewell had a hat-trick for

Red Team, while Patty Coleman, Temary Gramlich, and Jeane Bracken contributed one goal each.

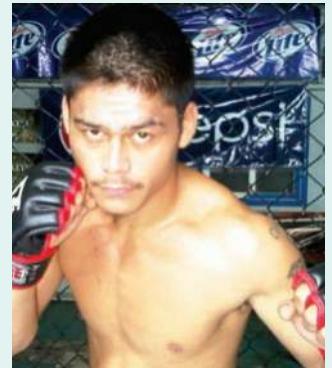
IT&E Blossom is still winless in nine games and has only five matches left in the double-round robin competition.

17 bouts set in ROP 11: Onra



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Palacios

comer, but has not fought since November 2009.

Prior to the main events, a highly anticipated title fight between Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez and Maraians Elite's Derrick "El-Peligro" Rangamar takes over the cage.

Rangamar holds a 3-9 win-loss card, and although Alvarez is unbeaten in six fights. Rangamar is perhaps his first real opponent as all of Alvarez's previous challengers hold a combined record of just 4-13.

Last year, Rangamar went undefeated in two bouts and won an exhibition match over Palacios back in December. The pair clashed in April's Art Of War 6 Grappling and Submission challenge, with Alvarez having his hand raised via a sudden death takedown.

Other matchups in Rites Of Passage 11: Onra are the following:

- Trench Tech's "Badd" Brad Palacios vs. Guam's Mike "The Attack" Limiac of United Kingdom's Tsunami Gym in a featherweight match;

- Trench Tech's Ryan "Trobz" Ngirbabul vs. independent Derrick San Nicolas in a light heavyweight match;

- Independent Brandon "Commotion" Camacho vs. Leonard J.C. Cabrera in a light heavyweight match;

- Trench Tech's Walter Flor-encio vs. Haga's Frank "The Crippler" Atalig in a bantam-weight match;

- Zalaka's Joe Duenas vs. independent Jason "Ground maintenance" Teregeyo in a bantamweight match;

- Trench Tech's Vince Mas- ga vs. independent Pete Keju in a welterweight match;

- Trench Tech's Josh "Chaos" Duenas vs. Guam's Kevin Miranda of Counter Shot in a bantamweight match;

- Haga's Jordan "Jungle Boy" Ogo vs. Counter Shot's Jared Santos in a K-1 Kick-

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Two-way tie in B-Flame Tree division

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Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Team Na'Gupu and Gaia Bar's Gaiana-B share the lead in the eight-team Thursday B-Flame Tree division after the conclusion of last week's season opener.

In other groupings, Oleai Beach Bar & Grill's Celebrity, D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Try Luck, D'Pirates' Jokers, Jonny's Bar & Grill's Team CUC and Oleai's No Fear head their respective A, Ladies, Master, Inter-Government, and Thursday B-Fanihi divisions.

On Monday, Celebrity improved its win-loss card to 26-8 and maintained a four-game lead atop the 10-team A-division following a 13-4 romp of sister-team Primos (11-23) in a road match.

Mixed Blood Shooters 1 (22-12) is currently in second place after taking down Gaiana-A (10-24), 13-4, on the road at Gaia Bar. D'Pirates' Predators (21-13) and Bud Brothers (20-14) are close behind the front-runners, two weeks into the season.

Predators defeated Oleai Proofers (18-16), 10-7, in a home game, while Bud Brothers knocked off Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Troubleshooters (14-20), 12-5, at home. In addition, Naked Fish's Naked Fish Boys (16-18) overcame sister-team Ali'i Kamote's (12-22), 11-6, in a road game.

Also on Monday, Try Luck skunked sister-team Star Magic,



Team CUC members pose for a group photo after starting their Inter-Government season in first place with a 12-3 victory over sister-team DPS Enforcers last Friday at Jonny's Bar & Grill.

15-0, in a road match and remain in first place among the six-team Ladies field with an overall record of 28-2. Meanwhile, Oleai's Man-Amigas trail by just three games after trampling Joe's Steakhouse's Daffodils (3-27), 14-1, at home. Just Like That (21-9) edged Jonny's Island Girls (9-21), 8-7, in a home match at Joe's.

The A and Ladies divisions have completed two weeks of matchups thus far, while the remaining groups opened their seasons this past week.

As of last Wednesday, the Jokers sit in first place among the six-team Master division after downing the Oleai Snipers, 13-4, while Oleai's Compan-

ros are ranked second with a 11-6, victory over Jonny's Azkals and Es'y's SOS Jokers are seated third after besting sister-team IT&E Kamote's, 10-7.

Last Friday, CUC dominated sister-team DPS Enforcers, 12-3, and are positioned a game ahead of Oleai-duo AG's Sakude! and DYS Atdit. Both crews share identical records of 11 wins and four losses.

DPW Troubleshooters (4-11), Jonny's NMC Proa (4-11) and the Enforcers (3-12) round out the bottom half of the division; matchup details were not released.

Last Thursday, No Fear booted Es'y's Kitchen Shooters, 13-2, and lead Naked Fish's

Echosong Kamote by a game among the eight-team B-Fanihi division as the latter bested Jonny's Sekid, 12-3. Meanwhile, Gaia's World B defeated VFW's Dutty Gunz, 10-5, and Es'y's SOS Akiramai topped Oleai's Oh Yeah!, 9-6; matchup details were not provided.

As for the rest of the B-Flame Tree division, D'Pirates-duo Chagi Sang and Sabalu are tied for second place with like records of nine wins and six losses with Joe's-duo TBA Oneshot and Scoregazzums are knotted in third place with identical 6-9 records. D'Pirates' Lucky Dart and Oleai's Why Not rest at the bottom with identical slates of 5-10.

The 245-lb San Nicolas has experience and 10 lbs over the undefeated young up-and-



Colts agree to terms with QB Kerry Collins

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Realistic expectations for NMI track team



Abrams



Dillay



Ogumoro

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The CNMI National Athletics Team will not be shooting for the moon and the stars when they compete in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia next week.

Northern Marianas Athletics development coach Elias Rangamar said they have modest expectations from Rachel Abrams, Trevor Ogomoro, and Douglas Dillay, who will be leaving Saipan this Sunday to represent the CNMI in the quadrennial meet.

"I'd say we have expectations rather than goals from them. I am not putting any pressure

on these three, as far as medals are concerned. These three got selected about three months ago. Though they've been with the program for quite a while, they are actually not seasoned athletes in terms of competition," Rangamar said.

"We just don't have enough competition for them to get sharp before major meets. Their expectations are more in terms of getting personal best

or making it to the second or third rounds," the NMA coach added.

Abrams, who has been in the program for about two years, but will be competing in her first off-island athletics event, will be racing in the 100m and 200m sprints. Her best times in these races are 12.71 seconds (100m) and 28.44 seconds (200m). She will also join the long jump event.

Dillay is entered in the 400m and 800m runs, and 400m hurdles. In the 400m and 800m

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HK, Tsunami Saipan swimmers split honors

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Swimmers from Hong Kong Sword Fish Swim Club and Tsunami Saipan posted the fastest times in the 20-meter races in the 2011 Hong Kong-Saipan Goodwill Meet held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

In the 20m freestyle, Hong Kong's Cheuk Ying So timed in at 15.42 seconds, beating nine other swimmers. Tsunami Saipan's Quina Flores submitted 16.46 seconds to place second, while Hong Kong's Chun Yuen Wong and Hoi Lam Wong both tallied 16.83 seconds for a share of third place. Rounding out the Top 5 best times were Tsunami Saipan's Karen Irinaka (17.55 seconds), and Hong Kong's Chung Yo Yin (18.37 seconds).

Others entered in the event were Hong Kong's Wai Ning (18.41 seconds) and Yee Ching Wong (19 seconds), Tsunami Saipan's Towa Irinaka (23.69 seconds), and Saipan's



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A Hong Kong Sword Fish Swim Club swimmer plunges into the pool for the 20m freestyle race in the 2011 Hong Kong-Saipan Goodwill Meet held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

Swim Club's Louis Henly (29.82 seconds).

So also had the best time in the 20m breaststroke, clocking in at 20.16 seconds. The Hong Kong swimmer prevailed over teammates Hoi Lam (21.32 seconds) and Yee Ching Wong (21.72 seconds), Tsunami Saipan's

Karen Irinaka (21.76 seconds), and Wai Ning Wong (22.07 seconds). Six others joined the 20m breaststroke race.

Flores denied So a third straight win when the former ruled the 20m backstroke. The Tsunami Saipan swimmer logged 17.57 seconds in the

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Ex-Japanese pro striker in town

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J LEAGUE Former professional striker Atsuhiro Miura of Japan will visit Saipan to hold a clinic and meet with local football clubs and their players.

Miura played in the Japan Professional Football League from 1994 to 2010, suiting up for the Yokohama Flugels, Yokohama Marinos, Tokyo Verdy 1969, Vissel Kobe, and Yokohama FC. The midfielder scored a total of 62 goals in his 17-year pro career.

The 37-year-old player had also donned the colors of Japan's National Team from 1999 to 2005 and was chosen captain 25 times. He played for Japan in the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Joining Miura on Saipan are three U10 and three U12 players and an official from the Japan Football Association. The visit-

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Former Japanese pro Atsuhiro Miura will arrive on Saipan today to conduct a clinic with U10 and U12 football players at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Mister sees wide open field in New Caledonia

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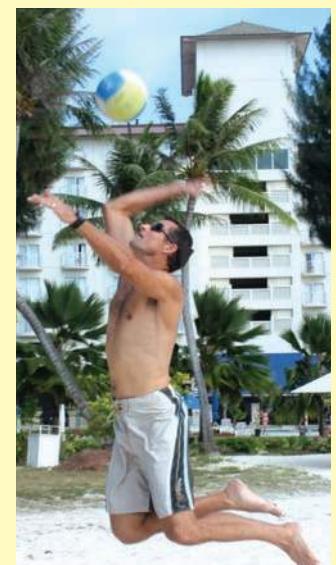
The CNMI's Tyce Mister believes there is an open race for the medals at stake in the beach volleyball competition in the 2011 Pacific Games.

"All the teams are tough and the field is fairly balanced. Often who is having a good day will get you the win. The podium is open," said Mister, who together with Chris Nelson left Saipan yesterday morning in time for the opening ceremony of the Pacific Games tomorrow.

The CNMI is among the 13 teams entered in the men's division of the beach volleyball competition that will be played from Sept. 5 to 10. Mister and Nelson are grouped with the players of Palau, Samoa, American Samoa, and three-time defending champion Tahiti.

New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, and Tonga are in the second pool, while Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Guam, and Cook Islands comprised the third pool.

It will be the second time Mister and Nelson are team-



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Tyce Mister, seen here serving for a photo shoot with TAGA Sports, left Saipan with Chris Nelson to compete in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia.

ing up to represent the Commonwealth in a regional tournament. In the 2006 Micronesian Games, the duo won the gold medal against Palau. The tandem also ruled a couple of local competitions from 2006 to 2010 so chemistry will be a big help

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